BOOK OF MORMON INSIGHT VOICED By DR. SIDNEY B. SPERRY

Choice insights into inner and deeper meanings and shades of interpretation were voiced by Dr. Sidney B. Sperry in the three two-hour lectures he delivered in the Hayward chapel, July 12-14, 1954. Some of these highlights which are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger are gathered together here for students of the Gospel.

1. The word liahona is probably composed of lia, meaning "to the Lord," and hona, meaning "direction or compass." The word liahona, therefore, may be rendered "To the Lord is direction."

2. The Third Nephi is truly the American Gospel, rather than a Fourth Gospel, a sacred composition which complements the gospels of the New Testament. It is an American continent witness that Jesus is the Christ and that His words must be heeded.

In the Third Nephi, 2500 men, women and children unitedly bear positive testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ (III Nephi 17:25).

3. Jesus never has appeared personally to the Gentiles (III Nephi 15:23). This is in fulfillment of the covenant made by the Lord to Abraham: ". . . and in thy seed after thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of eternal life." (Abraham 2:11.)

4. The ten lost tribes of Israel are together, and are a distinct people. To them Jesus went and ministered and they heard His voice and were numbered among his sheep the same as the Nephites (III Nephi 16:1-4).

5. The four main divisions of the Book of Mormon are: (a) small plates of Nephi, six books: I Nephi to Omni; (b) Words of Mormon (1 chapter); (c) Mormon's literary labors (Mosiah, Alma, Helamen, Mormon 1-8); (d) Moroni's literary labors (Ether, Moroni, and Mormon 8 and 9).

6. The III and IV Nephi were each called simply "Nephi" in the first edition of the Book of Mormon. Orson Pratt added the Roman numerals III and IV in 1879 when he also was authorized to divide the text of all the Book of Mormon into chapters and verses.

7. The Nephites were righteous and lived the united order for 167 years following the Savior's visit to them in A.D. 34. Then dissension broke out, the dissenters taking upon them the name "Lamanites," altho they were as much "Nephites" as those who did not dissent. This 167 years is a longer period than the U.S. has been a nation (1789 plus 167 equals 1956).

8. I Nephi:13 foreshadows American history.

9. The two great enemies of freedom and the Church of Christ in the latter days are forecast as: (a) a great political conspiracy;

(b) the great and abominable church.

Our Correspondents Make Frank Statements

Each month our Horace B. Burgon, editor of the Messenger feature, "Burgon's Bungled Sentences," receives a score or more interesting replies and comments.

Coming from five stakes, these letters arrived in one month recently from Hayward, Boyes Hot Springs, Calif.; Pittsburg, San Francisco, San Leandro, Vallejo, Berkeley, Alameda, Pocatello, Idaho; San Pablo, Richmond, Martinez and San Mateo.

"I read the Messenger and enjoy it very much" begins one letter from an Oakland lady, while a Hayward sister adds, "I think it is a fine idea to have a Church newspaper in the Bay Area." From Boyes Hot Springs comes the comment, "The paper is getting better all the time."

"I sincerely think this (bungled sentence) quiz contest will stimulate the LDS toward reading the books of our Gospel as well as building home libraries."

From Vallejo comes this sentence, "I certainly do enjoy working them (scrambled sentences) and hope you will continue writing them in the Messenger."

"I just received the Messenger and turned immediately to your article" says a San Pablo housewife.

"I love the Messenger and also enjoy reading Church books," states an Oakland 5th Ward reader, and a San Leandro sister comments, "We should have more of these (bungled sentences). They're better than cross-word puzzles."

"Really look forward to the Messenger each month with the new scrambled sentence," says another San Pablo lady.

"I enjoy reading the Messenger and I enjoy puzzles and contests," adds a sister in San Mateo.

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

Ukiah Ward

Wee Beauty Contest Highlights 24th Fete

by Ruth LeRoy

Pioneer Day was celebrated in the Ukiah Ward with an all-day picnic. Members of the ward gathered at the municipal park at 11 a.m. and the fun began. At 1 p.m. a potluck dinner was spread on the picnic tables and every one enjoyed a hearty feast after which games were played by both young and old. The highlight of the day was the beauty contest.

There were no rules as to the attire of the contestants or the pose which they assumed in order to attract favorable consideration, and each contestant, having displayed some mannerism or feature worthy of note, was awarded a prize. The only rule enforced upon the contestants was the age limit which was that the young ladies must be between the ages of one and three years inclusive. Prizes for the little beauties were big balloons on a wand.

Games included all the popular races, a softball and a baseball game and other games.

After a full day of fun at the park, the members of the ward gathered at the recreation hall where a short entertainment was staged followed by dancing.

STAKE SUMMEREE

The Ukiah ward Mia Maids and Explorers expect to attend the stake summeree in a body on Aug. 7.

On July 13 the Ukiah ward Relief Society enjoyed an especially fine spirit at the regular work meeting and a delicious potluck luncheon.

The Ukiah ward "Singing Mothers" are busily preparing for their participation in the musical program of the Stake Relief Society convention to be held on Aug. 13.

Sister Ida Middleton, Primary association president for the Ukiah ward, announces that Marilyn Ogden (who came to Ukiah from Arizona to teach in the Laytonville school this fall), and Idel Wolf have been added to the Primary teaching staff.

The officers and teachers of the Primary honored sister Carla Rhodes with a stork shower on July 23. Sister Rhodes teaches the co-pilot class in Primary.

VACATIONING IN NEVADA

Dixie Wolf, a member of the Primary teaching staff is vacationing in Nevada with her uncle and aunt, Elder and Mrs. Elmer Southwick, who are the parents of a baby girl. The little one, second girl in the family besides her sister Dianne, has five brothers who greeted her with a joyous welcome.

Mrs. David Spencer took the children to Twin Falls where they spent a month visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. Spencer joined them there and the family then went to Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon, Manti, Zion National Park, Lake Tahoe.

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Robert R. Gros of San Francisco, manager of Pacific Gas and Electric Co., and president of the Advertising Association of the West, is a former Utahn.

Theodore S. Peterson, president of Standard Oil of California, is a former Logan, Utah, citizen, now a member of Palo Alto Ward, who served as a missionary for the Church as a young man. He is a brother of Thelma Gardner, wife of Le Roi B. Gardner, former bishop of Berkeley First Ward.

Berkeley Stake

Stake Relief Society New President Mrs. Irene Ranker

The Relief Society presidency of Berkeley Stake was reorganized as announced at the Stake Priesthood meeting July 18. Released with a hearty vote of thanks for services rendered were Pres. Vera H. Mayhew, and counsellors Maybelle H. Anderson and Ellen Haddock.

Sustained as the new stake presidency are Irene Ranker, president with counselors La Verne Rock and Ellen Haddock. Grace Hopkins remains secretary and the board remains as now constituted until changes are made necessary.

Dr. Emery R. Ranker is making a good recovery from an operation on his hand in late May. The report is that he will resume his medical practice in the near future.

Visitors at the Ranker home in Lafayette for the summer is their daughter Mrs. Jean Gardner and her two baby girls.

Camping training given at San Mateo, May 1954; Standing, Clifton D. Boyack (mgr. Cazadero Redwood Camp); Paul Petty, San Mateo Scout Commissioner, (giving demonstration); Verda Tilford, Santa Rosa Camp Director; Ruth Bentley, Palo Alto Stake Camp Director; Betty Jones, Berkeley Stake Camp Director.

Another picture of YWMIA general board and local Board members attending the regional camping training institute at San Mateo, May 1954. Left to right, Thelma Giovanini, Berkeley Stake dance director; Joyce Roberts, general board member; Ruth Bentley, Palo Alto Stake camp director; and Gladys Harbertson, chairman of the camping committee of the general board.

Berkeley First

Fred Huish Better After Heart Attack

Fred (Blackie) Huish is convalescing at home after a heart attack which kept him in the Alta Bates Hospital for two weeks in mid-July. It seems that a month or two of rest will be needed for a complete recovery.

Wanda Harmon returned July 21 from a visit with her father, 82, and other relatives in Salt Lake City. Her father (also the father of Cliff Boyack) is confined to his home with a heart condition, but is cheerful despite some bodily distress and sorrow over the loss of his wife. It was very hot in Salt Lake, Wanda said.

Pres. Harmon was taken to Los Angeles on business in early July.

La Verne Rock has been called to serve as second counselor in the new Berkeley Stake Relief Society presidency.

Book Of Mormon Distribution In No. Calif. Mission

The Northern California Mission reports the following number of Books of Mormon distributed during June 1954:

Cecil L. Lee, Fresno, 13; Val R. Calaway, San Joaquin, 12; LaDean Healey, Monterey Bay, 12; Albertes L. Kennedy, Golden Gate, 11; David W. Jensen, San Joaquin, 10; David W. Freestone, San Joaquin, 9; Clyde M. King, San Joaquin, 9; Mary A. Parker, Monterey Bay, 9; E. Drew Shumway, Fresno, 9.

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A Friendship Tour To Hawaiin Islands Led by Capt. Minson

A Mormon Friendship tour from the California mainland to Hawaii, to be led by Captain Roy Minson, veteran trans-Pacific flier and member of the Fifth ward, Oakland, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will depart from Oakland September 6, 1954 for eight days in the mid-Pacific paradise, it was announced as we go to press. The tour, to be conducted in cooperation with Transocean Air Lines, the pioneer international charter and irregular carrier, will return to Oakland September 13, according to the announcement.

Patterned after the immensely popular Taloa Friendship tours, the "package" price of $285.80 per person, including tax, includes roundtrip transportation between Oakland and Honolulu by Transocean's de luxe "Royal Hawaiian," hotel accommodations at the beautiful Nimmalu on Waikiki Beach, an authentic native lau, an outrigger canoe ride and sightseeing trips. The program is specially arranged to provide plenty of free time for sun-tanning on the beach, swimming and other individual interests, it was pointed out.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Reservations Department, Transocean Air Lines at Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, LOckhaven 9-3223..

Scholarship Fund Honors Father Of Ed Hinckley

The sons and daughters of a former BYU geology professor, Edwin S. Hinckley, have established a $25,000 scholarship fund in his honor at Brigham Young University. Edwin C. Hinckley of Pittsburg Ward is one of these sons and is a donor to the fund.

The scholarship fund will be for the assistance of worthy students, preferably those candidates interested in the study of communications.

Members of the Hinckley family contributing to the fund include Edwin Carlisle Hinckley, Pittsburg, Calif.; Harold Walton, Provo; Claud W. Hinckley, Provo; Frederick R. Hinckley, Salt Lake City; John Hinckley, Boston; Evelyn Hinckley Durrant, Merridian, Ida.; George M. Hinckley, Provo; Angela Hinckley McKenzie, Philadelphia; and Robert H. Hinckley, New York City, a vice president of the American Broadcasting Company.

San Joaquin Stake Building Program

It is reported that within 18 months every ward and branch in the San Joaquin Stake will have its own chapel.

Already completed are church structures in Stockton First, Tracy and Modesto Wards. Under construction at present are LDS chapels in Oakdale, Turlock, Stockton Second. The latter is being built in connection with the new San Joaquin Stake tabernacle.

Plans are reported ready for starting construction on chapels for Brentwood, Ione, Lodi and Manteca.

San Joaquin Stake reported LDS population of 3,000, the stake president being Wendell B. Mendenhall, with counselors Ernest Landward and Clifton A. Rooker. W. Aird Macdonald, former president of San Francisco and Oakland Stakes and founder and editor of the Messenger, is listed as stake building supervisor.

Brentwood Branch was formerly part of Berkeley Stake.

San Joaquin Stake MIA Representative Visit Liahona Camp

Four MIA workers and their children from Turlock and Modesto Wards, San Joaquin Stake, visited the Liahona campsite, Sunday, July 11.

At that time the Berkeley Stake girls camp of 118 girls was in full swing. These San Joaquin MIA workers came to acquaint themselves with the campsite and also learn whatever they could about camping from the Berkeley campers.

Thomas and Leona Birchall of Turlock used to be active in Oakland Stake. The visitors were: Thomas D. Birchall, high counselor; Leona C. Birchall, Steven Birchall, John K. Birchall, Paul B. Birchall (from Turlock) and Maydn Andrew, president of the 2nd Quorum of Elders; Blythe Andrew, Carol Jean Andrew and Mary Jane Andrew, from Modesto.

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DINNER TABLES were well patronized and the new screened kitchen was kept busy and well-stocked during the Berkeley Girls camping period, July 7-12, at the Liahona campsite in the great Stanislaus Forest, 26 miles above Pinecrest. The new lodge is set amid towering pines and spruces which also hover over the campers at dinner time.

Burgon's Bungled Sentences Submitted By Readers

Since it is "The Messenger's" greatest desire to do good and promote happiness, we are glad that the little booklet, "In Memoriam" by J. A. Widtsoe, is fulfilling its mission so well. We have about three dozen left, and we are anxious to give them away. So for those who did not win in the contests we are offering one free with the purchase of each copy of "In A Sunlit Land". This is an autobiography of the Apostle Widtsoe. It is filled with romance, adventure, tragedy, and love for humanity. It really softens the heart.

For July responses, we have decided to issue two prizes. We reserve the right to issue as many prizes as we wish. So we have chosen one easy one and one just a little tougher. Congratulations to the winners, Sis. Mary Sanders, and Sis. Martha Fisher, both of Santa Rosa. Your books are on their way. May we hear from each of you upon their arrival.

Here are the sentences these two sisters submitted, "TEH WOL FO DOG ROF ISH RIHENDCL RESSAPSSU LAL TENDARUGNSING."

Now the tougher one: "AODTYS ASLITUSIP MANEAI AYM GIBNR A DAS KNAINAGE."

For the August issue several prizes will be given for unscrambling the above sentences and for the new scrambled sentences to be published which are submitted by our readers.

Happy sailing for all.

Address all communications to: H. W. Burgon, 634 - 27th St., Richmond, Calif.

Dr. Morley Of B.Y.U. Completes Year Work At Fresno State

Mrs. Alonzo J. Morley and a group of tourists have departed on the Castle Felice for an extended tour of Europe. As soon as Dr. Morley finishes teaching at the Fresno State College Summer School, where he is visiting professor, he will fly to Europe to join the group in Salzburg, Austria.

Upon returning from Europe, the Morley family will reside again in Provo, Utah. Dr. Morley will assume his teaching duties as Director of the Speech and Hearing Center at Brigham Young University.

The Morleys report a very pleasant and interesting year in California and have appreciated the opportunity to enjoy the friendship of the many people they have made in the professional field as well as in church work in Fresno.

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Reflections

by Vinal G. Mauss

THIS IS THE PLACE

Vinal G. Mauss

Creaking, groaning, jolting, rumbling wagons brought 120 men, women, and children to the mouth of a canyon. They saw a sparkling lake ahead; but the barren dry valley seemed anything but inviting to the weary travelers. Yet here their great prophet visualized a place of peace for his people and a garden that would blossom as the rose. "It is here we shall build our temple," breathed Brigham Young.

Latter-day Saints everywhere will give thanks to God for the shrine He provided and His protection against the harshness of the desert. For the steadfastness of our leaders to overcome obstacles and for the men and women who have courageously carried the gospel to every part of the world.

July 24th is a day of joy to us now as we meet to re-dedicate ourselves to the pioneer and the revelations inscribed on plates of gold. Be one with us, join in communion of spirit, lend your heart and hand to make July 24th a day we will remember, always.

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FIRST OUTSIDE-UTAH M I A CONFERENCE IS BOW TO CALIFORNIA STANDING

Temple Hill Inter Stake Center In Oakland Proposed For Joint Stake Tabernacle, Youth Center

Oakland and Berkeley Stakes would soon build and use a conjoint Temple Hill Inter-Stake Center, according to a proposal by the First Presidency of the Church, brought to the two stake presidenciesin early August by Pres. Stephen L. Richards, and Mark E. Peterson of the Council of Twelve. This was reported to the Berkeley Stake priesthood meeting, Saturday, Aug. 22, by Pres. W. Glenn Harmon.

The two General Authorities, together with architect Harold W. Burton, were taken to inspect the Berkeley site where the proposed stake tabernacle and joint chapel for East Richmond and Berkeley Second Wards were to have been built; also to the sites of the Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill chapel site. At the conclusion of this tour, Elders Richards and Peterson met at the home of Delbert F. Wright, with the two stake presidencies. At this meeting Pres. Richards revealed the above mentioned recommendations of the First Presidency for an inter-stake tabernacle and recreation center on Temple Hill in East Oakland, instead of independent stake houses as heretofore planned.

It was pointed out that the Church has discontinued single stake tabernacles as being too expensive and needlessly uneconomical; some have been built only 20 minutes apart.

It was stated that the burden of building new chapels in the Church is becoming very great, over 500 chapels being under construction at this time. It was pointed out that, in the Salt Lake City area, some dozen stakes still use the assembly hall for their conference sessions. Also that the Granite Stake House serves many stakes reaching across the Salt Lake Valley from the Wasatch to the Oquirrah mountains.

An urgent call came to the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes presidencies to come to the First Presidency's office August 13, to meet with the church architect and President Richards. Progress having been made towards acceptable planning, it was stated that, at the time of the Oakland Stake conference on September 4, 5, the architect's plans would be brought for further study.

After these steps are in more complete presentable form, it is proposed that a joint two-stake priesthood meeting be called for ratification. At this meeting it is hoped that General Authorities will be present.

In closing, President Harmon stated that the Authorities had favored the name Temple Hill Inter Stake Center and that facilities be provided for the youth of the entire East Bay area in its present state and future growth. Moreover, a more commodious and handsome joint stake Tabernacle would be erected on Temple Hill; then either stake alone could afford to provide, something everyone would be proud of.

If the plan is approved by the local priesthood it is hoped to start building soon after the first of the year. Ground leveling operations are already planned to begin early in September, 1954.

President Harmon stated his conviction that the Lord had not ceased to guide in the selection of a tabernacle site, altho several starts and stops have marked our local efforts. As it now turns out, we have more funds and better plans than if we had built at any earlier period.

Berkeley Second and East Richmond wards voted unanimously Sunday, August 29, to proceed forthwith with plans for erection of a joint chapel and recreation center on the acquired site on upper Arlington Avenue, Berkeley. Provision will be included for a stake presidency and high council room, Pres. Harmon added.

S.F. and Oakland Stakes Girls Camp Days Are Gay Days At Berkeley Cazadero Redwood Camp

By Rhea Gustavson

MIA MAIDS and BEE HIVE GIRLS of Oakland and San Francisco Stakes enjoyed their second annual week's encampment at Berkeley Cazadero Redwood Camp. Two large buses and several cars were needed to carry the excited and enthusiastic group to their destination early Monday morning, August 30th.

Enroute, the girls became better acquainted through songs and games and upon reaching the camp were assigned by Myrtle Snarr, Stake Beekeeper of Oakland to their cabins and were organized into units and groups.

San Francisco leaders and girls distributed a full program of the week's activities which they had prepared entitled, "Let's Remember," and which was the general theme of the camp. This program not only outlined the girl's activities but was in the form of a diary and included space for special notes, names and addresses of friends, etc. It also carried words to many of the songs used at camp. As a special handcraft activity, each girl made beautiful and attractive covers to help preserve it.

SPECIAL THEME DAILY

Each day also had a special theme. The first day was "Aloha." Its special project was to help every girl get acquainted. As a part of the campfire program, Mia Maids who had previously made lanterns, greeted the Bee Hive Girls who in turn presented them with leis, also made by the girls.

The other day themes included, "Exploring New Horizons," "Frontier Day," "Talent Exchange Day," "Make-Believe," "Roundup Time," "Play Day," and "Inspiration Time" (Sunday.)

Each day began with an inpirational period which included a spiritual thought, flag ceremony, song and prayer. Each day closed with a wonderful campfire program developed around the day's theme.

MANY CAMPTIVITIES

Swimming, boating, cook-outs, handcrafts, demonstrations in campcrafts and water saftey, nature lore, sports, games, folk dancing, fun with music, skits and stunts, with even a hayride, are some of the camptivities enjoyed by the girls.

It is hoped that under the heading of "Let's Remember," will be listed many new friendships, increased talents, spiritualized fun, a greater appreciation of our Heavenly Father's handiwork and a further developed testimony of the Gospel.

—Photo by Pyle Photography

THE PRESENT BISHOPRIC OF PITTSBURG WARD shown above, left to right, David P. Smith, ward clerk; Russell B. Cornelius, first counselor; William P. Furnell, bishop; and Daniel J. Ringle, second counselor saw Pittsburg Ward's chapel dedicated, Sunday, Aug. 29, 1954 by S. DilworthYoung of the First Council of Seventy.

Santa Rosa Stake Holds Annual YWMIA Summer Camp For Girls On Historic St. Helena Campsite

Colored Movie On Peruvian-Bolivian Ruins Announced

LE ROY A. BLASER

USAC Alumni Director, was formerly with U. S. Dept. of State assigned to Brazil.

"Early Empires of Ancient America" is the title of an illustrated public lecture in the Berkeley Chapel, Sept. 17, 1954.. A colored Kodachrome movie on the archeological remains of one of the earliest civilizations of ancient America, which will be shown by LeRoy A. Blaser, director of public information and Alumni affairs of Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah.

Mr. Blaser was formerly attached to the United States Department of State and assigned to the Brazilian Ministry of Education. During his two-year assignment, he traveled in eleven of the thirteen nations of South America, and there gathered the information and pictures for this lecture.

Many of the remains, the history presented and the culture of these civilizations is closely related to the history of the Book of Mormon people.

The ruins of the Pre-Incan civilization are situated primarily on the Alta-Plano region of the Andes situated in Bolivia. The lecture will also deal with the second phase of the culture commonly known as the Incan civilization, which came somewhat later, and had its primary headquarters in Peru. Mr. Blaser will relate experiences, and point out evidences of the existence of these great civilizations and their destruction.

This lecture has been presented to several hundred people in various wards and stakes throughout the Church. It is a rare treat now come to the Bay area saints. No admission charge. Come and bring your friends.

Helen C. Brockbank

The third annual Summer camp for girls sponsored by the Santa Rosa Stake Y.W.M.I.A was held August 9 to 13th at White Sulpher Springs near St. Helena. Fifty girls and counselors made camp on the grounds of this once-famous resort, cooking over a camp stove and sleeping underneath the stars, drenched in moonlight.

White Sulpher Springs established in 1852, was for many years one of the famous fun spots of this area. Located on a 640-acre tract, a square mile, of lush virgin forest through which runs a beautiful creek bed. Many trails cut through the timber furnishing fine opportunity for hiking and adventure. In the cleared area are spaces for soft ball diamonds, horseshoe pitching, badminton, shuffle board and swimming in a large, beautiful pool. Through the courtesy of the owners of the now closed resort, our Y.W.M.I.A. was able to provide the girls of our stake with the finest camping experience of their lives.

Monday morning the girls were welcomed to camp which they renamed "Memory Grove" for their stay, by Verda Telford, stake camp director. After the girls had established themselves and their bed rolls, they were regrouped for camp duties. Each group chose its own name which were as follows: Zim Zam Zoomers, The Nervous Nuts, The 3 K's (Kitchen Kamp Kuties), The Jr. Mia Bees and the Lucky 7.

Sister Telford was general camp supervisor and also supervised all sports activities.

COOK MOST POPULAR PERSON

Under the able direction of Rhoda Orcutt the meals were prepared for the whole group over a camp stove. Sister Orcutt was proclaimed by the girls the most popular person in camp as manifest by the gusto with which they consumed their meals and heaped compliments on her afterwards.

Sister Twila Ferrin, Stake Age-group counselor, supervised the crafts which proved to be a very popular activity. Among the crafts taught were wood fiber flowers, handkerchief umbrellas, leather lacing, pair mache puppets, and shell work. Each girl also made an autograph book in which she collected the autographs of all the girls in camp.

Swimming and all activities around the pool were carefully supervised and watched over by Lois Telford, our life guard, whose past experience as a professional life guard gave the girls and leaders a real sense of security in the big pool.

One of the most popular spots in camp was the health center, where a registered nurse, Sister Naomi Candland, our Stake Activity Counselor, dispensed aspirin, bandaids and more technical treatment with efficiency and good judgment. The only serious mis-

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Anti-Mormon Lecture in Richmond Provides T. S. Ferguson Occasion For Book of Mormon Exposition

A large delegation of Richmond and Berkeley saints who had been attracted to the Church of Christ, Richmond, by press-advertised anti-Mormon lecture by Lloyd Moyer, August 18, 1954, were somewhat surprised and pleased to see the meeting turn into an occasion for a clear presentation by Elder Thomas Stuart Ferguson of the archaeological evidences for the Book of Mormon.

Perhaps the reverend Lloyd Moyer was also surprised, tho not likely pleased, at the unexpected turn of affairs in the last half of a two-hour meeting in the Macdonald Avenue tabernacle of the Richmond Church of Christ.

August 17th, the Richmond Independent carried a two-column ad seven inches long, announcing:

"Is Mormonism of Divine Origin? Hear Lloyd Moyer Discuss this Subject Wednesday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m. Place, Church of Christ, 35th and Macdonald, Richmond.

"Was Joseph Smith Jr a True Prophet?

"Are the Claims of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints True?

"These and Other Questions will be answered.

"No Contributions. This is Your Invitation."

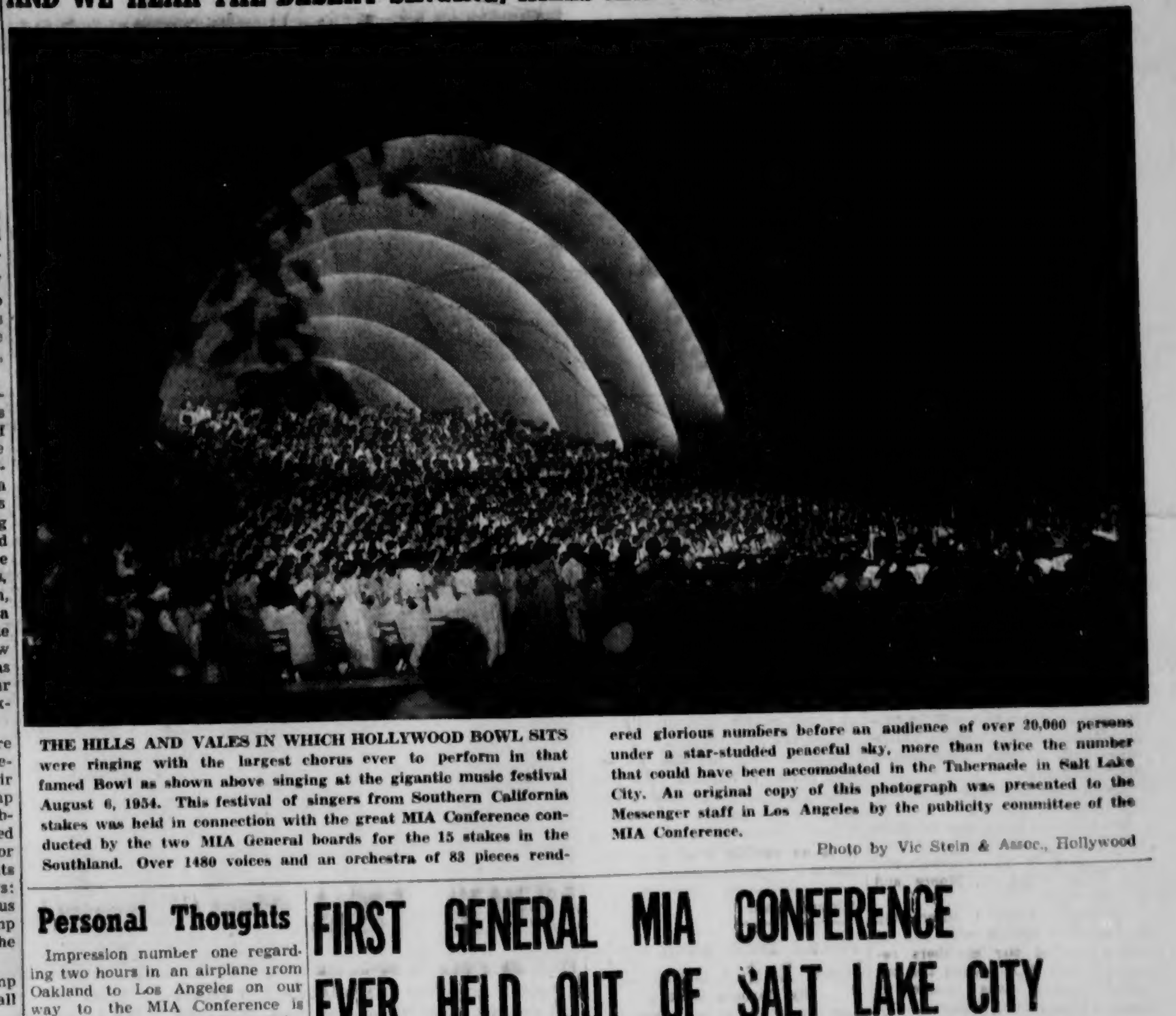
The Rev.Lloyd Moyer, for eleven years a Church of Christ worker among the LDS of Southern Idaho, delivered a 50-minute talk attacking the position of the Church on the prophetic powers of Joseph Smith, Adam's fall being overruled for good, plural marriage, priesthood, doctrine of deity, correctness of the Bible, errors in Book of Mormon, necessity of baptism, and many other points.

Finally, the reverend gentleman said he regretted that the Mormon Church declined to accept his standing invitation to debate the question of religion with him. Thereupon, T. E. Ferguson spoke up and said he would discuss Mormonism with him and was ready right now to do so.

With utmost courtesy, Brother Ferguson was invited to come forward and speak. For 45 minutes he spoke freely and lucidly upon the archaeological excavations and the old Maya written records which are beginning to pin-point the historical part of the Book of Mormon in arresting parallels.

The only exception to this line of discourse was when Elder Ferguson briefly dismissed the rambling anti-Mormon attacks of Rev. Moyer by pointing out that individual passages of scripture may be turned to suit the purposes of almost any argument. He added, however, that he had no doubt that the minister honestly believed in what he said.

AND WE HEAR THE DESERT SINGING; HILLS AND VALES AND MOUNTAINS RINGING



THE HILLS AND VALES IN WHICH HOLLYWOOD BOWL SITS were ringing with the largest chorus ever to perform in that famed Bowl as shown above singing at the gigantic music festival August 6, 1954. This festival of singers from Southern California stakes was held in connection with the great MIA Conference conducted by the two MIA General boards for the 15 stakes in the Southland. Over 1480 voices and an orchestra of 83 pieces rendered glorious numbers before an audience of over 20,000 persons under a star-studded peaceful sky, more than twice the number that could have been accomodated in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. An original copy of this photograph was presented to the Messenger staff in Los Angeles by the publicity committee of the MIA Conference.

Photo by Vic Stein & Assoc., Hollywood

Personal Thoughts

Impression number one regarding two hours in an airplane from Oakland to Los Angeles on our way to the MIA Conference is that the birds have it all over the land animals in getting about. However, unless one can be sure of kind friends who are pleased to take time to meet the plane and pilot their car to dozens of meetings with you, one had best go by auto to MIA Conferences. That for sure.

We were blessed beyond measure by being entertained in the home of hearty MIA workers, the Ray Blieds of Pasadena. Perfect is the only word for it. Eating, sleeping, driving with them to great MIA sessions by day, and festivals by night for four days! Words can't express our appreciation. One of that happy group at the Blied's was Oakland Stake's MIA enthusiast, Rhea Gustaveson. Mrs. Blied is Rhea's mother. Rhea lived for years in the Southland and knows "everything" there. We were able to meet scores of new friends thru Rhea's courtesy.

The great freeways in the Los Angeles area are marvelous boons indeed to drivers. Think of rolling in utmost comfort, and without stop signs, from Pasadena to Hollywood Bowl in 20 minutes.

Messenger Reporter Favored

We were received at the conference as a Messenger reporter. Rhea did the phone work and secured a windshield sticker for our car which took us right up to the reserved parking lots, and into front seats at the big festivals and meetings.

For instance, we were seated in the guest stalls at the Hollywood Bowl right down front within a few feet of President and Mrs. McKay and their entourage of three apostles and their wives, and two assistants to the Twelve.

It was worth a lot to sit so close as to be able to look into the President's radiant countenance as he stood and shook hands so cordially with the hundreds who formed a long queue and passed by his booth. Particularly was he gracious to the many children in that line-up. What memories they will carry with them for life!

Pre-Session Visiting

For an hour or more before each of the three great MIA festivals—the drama, the music, the dance—it seemed that everyone came to visit with friends after seating was taken care of. Thus, it was that Rhea helped us to meet so many new friends. Here we had opportunity to secure interviews with leaders in the Southland as well as with some general MIA Board members. Could things hav been more pleasant and fortunate for our purposes!

Pres. McKay has wonderous vitality. We wondered whether the long periods of handshaking each evening, and the hours of meetings conferences, and more handshaking, would weary him. But no! His two major addresses on Sunday were delivered with ease, poise, and powerful voice and mien.

The most inspiring event of the MIA conference in August, we felt, was the Sunday morning meeting in Hollywood Bowl where Frederick Davis led his near-perfect Southern California LDS chorus in sacred selections, and where President McKay delivered an impressive address.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Second to this in its power to uplift the spirit was the Sunday

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FIRST GENERAL MIA CONFERENCE EVER HELD OUT OF SALT LAKE CITY CONDUCTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Note: Unfortunately, relatively few of our readers are readers of the Church News—therefore have not read reports of the MIA August Conference in Southern California. Hence the Messenger reporter attended this conference and herewith presents his observations with pictures he secured direct from photographers in Los Angeles.

The June MIA Conference sessions held annually in Salt Lake City were duplicated for the first time outside of that city, August 4 - 8, in Southern California. President David O. McKay, Apostles Mark E. Peterson and Le Grande and Richard L. Evans; Richards, Hugh B. Brown and John Longden assistants to the Quorum of Twelve; and Bishop Carl N. Boehner of the Presiding Bishopric were featured speakers. Whether this Southland conference will be continued annually has not yet been determined.

Presiding at general sessions of the conference were Elbert R. Curtis and Bertha S. Reeder, heads respectively of the two general MIA boards, and leading in departments meetings were 42 members of the two general boards. Three highlights of the Southland gatherings came Friday night with a grand music festival in Hollywood bowl under the stars, the Sunday 9 a.m. services in the same bowl, presided over by Pres. McKay, and the Sunday afternoon meeting addressed by Pres. McKay in the auditorium of the East Los Angeles Junior College.

Topping attendance records at the more than 50 separate meetings of the four-day conference were the 20,000 who crowded into Hollywood Bowl for the music festival Friday evening the 16,000 in the same bowl Sunday morning and the 12,500 who filled the East Los Angeles City College Stadium for the festival Saturday night.

Church Play, "Montrose Crossing"

First of the three evening festival events came Thursday, Aug. 5, when the one act play "Montrose Crossing", and six road show features were heard by 2500 people filling the auditorium of the East Los Angeles Junior College.

The two usual general sessions were held morning and afternoon of Friday, Aug.6. At these meetings addresses by Mark E. Peterson, member of the Council of Twelve and Hugh B. Brown, assistant to that council provided the spiritual objectives of MIA.

The MIA theme of the year: "Seek not for riches, but for wisdom, and behold the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you and then shall ye be made rich. Behold, be that hath eternal life is rich," (D & C 6:7) was repeated by the audience standing while a huge, tinted rainbow bearing the words of the theme in bold lettering was lowered from the stage loft over the white-dressed mixed chorous which furnished the music for the sessions.

Mild weather prevailed, adding to the enjoyment of the conference

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Oakland the Old Mother Branch, Church of Jesus Christ of LDS For Entire State of California

HISTORY AS RECORDED BY N. B. PHILLIPS

Reported by Earl M. Phillips

The article entitled "1894 San Francisco Examiner Reports First California Conference of Latter-day Saints in Northern California" which was printed in the August number of the Messenger of Northern California has elicited a reply from Elder Earl M. Phillips of Oakland Third Ward.

Brother Phillips, a son of the Norman B. Phillips mentioned in the August article above referred to, contributes an interesting and informative recital of the historical events leading up to the organization of the Oakland Branch of the Church, October 2, 1892.

This proved, asserts Elder Phillips, to be the mother branch of all the Bay Area and elsewhere in entire state of California. True, branches of the Church existed in the Bay Area and elsewhere in Northern California during the first period of Latter-day Saints history here between the year 1846, when the Ship Brooklyn came to San Francisco, and 1857 when the saints were called back to Utah at the time Johnson's army was approaching Salt Lake City. But these 1846-1857 branches discontinued after 1857 and hence could not be called the mother branches of our currently existing LDS Church units in California. That honor therefore goes to Oakland as of October 21, 1892.

A participant in this first Church organization in Oakland was Norman B. Phillips, who then served as branch clerk and who later became patriarch in Oakland Stake. His son, Earl M. Phillips, possesses the diary of Norman B., and contributes the following authoritative historical information up to the end of 1894 only:

My father, Norman Burritt Phillips, was born in Massachusetts in 1858. He first came to California in November, 1882, and settled in Riverside. At that time Riverside had a population of about 3000, and Los Angeles 12,000. He remained there until 1886 and then returned home to Brockton for a visit. To his surprise he found that the elders of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had contacted his mother and baptized her into the church. She tried to convince him that Joseph Smith was a Prophet but he had no interest in her message. Upon his return to California several months later, he found that she had put a number of Re-organized tracts in his suit case—but he did not read them then.

In 1889 he came north to Oakland with a friend and, without knowing particularly why, he became interested in religion and thought he should join some church. He then remembered and read the pamphlets his mother had given him, and her daily talks about the Prophet Joseph Smith,

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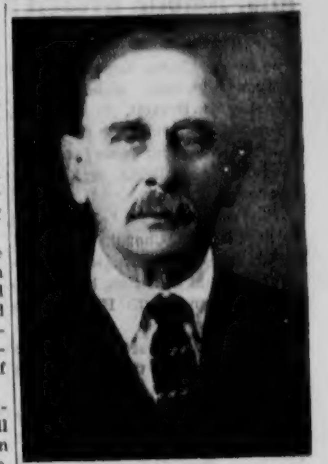
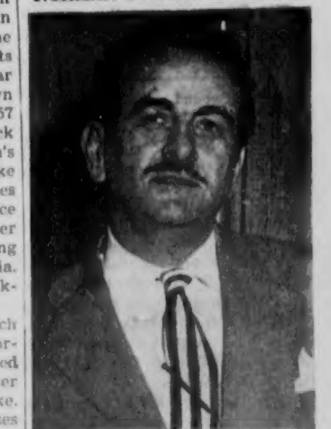


NORMAN BURRITT PHILLIPS



EARL MORONI PHILLIPS

Norman B. Phillips, former Oakland Stake patriarch, was one of the early builders of the church in the Oakland and San Francisco areas, having served as clerk of the branches from the very beginning in the Bay Area.

FOUR CHILDREN SURVIVE

He is survived today by Earl Moroni Phillips, Oakland 3rd Ward, Edna Orvilla Darton of Oakland 2nd Ward, Doris Eugenia Kingsford of Oakland 4th, and the oldest of the family, Walter Stanley Phillips of Chicago.

The middle name. "Moroni" in Earl's name, does not come from the Book of Mormon prophet. Oddly enough, "Moroni" was the maiden name of Earl's paternal grandmother, Louisa Maria Moroni, the mother of Norman B. Phillips. She was of Italian descent.

OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake Social Calendar

Sept. 4 & 5	Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference Morning Session	Scottish Rite Auditorium
	Afternoon Session, Evening session	Scottish Rite Auditorium Oakland Ward
Sept. 12	Stake Priesthood Meetings High Priests and Seventies Priesthood Leadership	San Leandro Ward 1:30 p.m. 2:15 p.m.
Sept. 12	Stake Welfare Union Meeting	San Leandro Ward 2:15 p.m.....
Sept. 16	M.I.A. Stake Leadership	Oakland Second Ward, 7:30 p.m.

Oakland Stake Meeting Calendar

SEPTEMBER	- Saturday Night Dances	Oakland Ward
Sept. 10	Fathers' and Sons' Outing	Redwood Park
Sept. 18	Primary Boys' Outing	
Sept. 25	Oakland Stake Carnival	Welfare Center
OCTOBER	- Saturday Night Dances	Oakland Ward
Oct. 15	High Priests' Annual Dinner	
Oct. 16	M Men-Gleaner Dance	
Oct. 23	Roadshow	Fremont High School

Centerville

Jr. S. S., R. S. Meet In Branch Cottage Early In September

By Bessie Purdy

The newly remodeled cottage on the church lot will be ready for Junior Sunday school in September. Sunday school will convene at 10:30 a.m. Relief society will also meet here on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The cottage has been rented to the Humpty Dumpty Nursery School, which will be conducted only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, commencing September first.

Seven new members were baptized into the branch.

We welcome three new families: Don and Jean Kelly and 2 children; Albert F. Rissman, wife and child; and Ward W. Moore and 3 children.

One of our most interesting Sacrament meetings was one in which two of our members responded to a S.O.S. when the expected speaker was unable to come. They were Sister Ruby Borge and Brother Johnson.

Brother Rufus Phelps of the High Council and his wife were the principal speakers at the Sacrament of Aug. 15. Myrna Green told of her stake missionary work in San Jose, and Marie Eaton, a concert violinist in her younger days, gave a violin selection, and Larry a solo. Both were accompanied by Freddie's wife, Ruby.

Alameda Ward

Mrs. Amelia Everett's Mother Dies

Jocie A. Davis, age 80, passed away at the home of her daughter, Amelia Everett, in Alameda, August 17. She was the mother of ten children, four sons and two daughters now living, and 43 descendants.

The funeral was held August 20 in Alameda Chapel. Bishop J. Ward Green, the deceased's nephew, and Vinal G. Mauss, her bishop for years, and Ruth Hilton were the speakers.

Flowers, kind words, and sweet music bespeaks of the life she had lived.

Jocie was a good Relief Society worker, having given fifty-five years of continuous service as a visiting teacher.

Her life was a worthy example of love and service. She was indeed an elect lady.

Oakland Second

Oakland 2nd Enjoys MIA Evening at Park

By Kola James

The Oakland Second Ward MIA enjoyed an evening at the Arroya Viejo Park playing softball, and topped it off with plenty of good cold watermelon. The organ drive fund is still increasing; however, we hope to report it next month as a job well done. Our thanks to Elder Ted Mudge.

Our ward and stake mourn the passing August 17 of Elizabeth Hansen Brummett, wife of Burton Brummett, and mother of H. Robert Brummett, of Oakland 2nd, Mrs. Helen Christenson of Alameda and Mrs. Betty Dean of Visalia. She leaves 10 grandchildren.

She has been a loved member of Oakland Stake for many years. The funeral was held August 20 at the ward chapel, and interment was in the National Cemetery, San Bruno, California.

Marilyn Pyne Gets Month in Hawaii As Graduation Gift

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Pyne and daughter Marilyn of the Oakland Fifth Ward spent the month of August in the Hawaiian Islands. The trip was a graduation present for Marilyn, who recently graduated from Piedmont high school, where she was vice president of the student body. Marilyn will enter the U.C. in Berkeley in September.

Livermore Branch

Beehive, MIA Maids Enjoy Luncheon

By Della McLaughlin

The Beehive and MIA Maids had a luncheon at the home of Peggy Edwards. They all had a hand in the preparation of the meal.

The Livermore Branch held a watermelon bust August 27, at Arroya Park.

Sylvia Wardell is to be the new co-pilot teacher in the Primary. We know she will love the work as much as the children will love having her as a teacher.

A smile costs nothing, but creates much; it happens in a flash and the memory sometimes lasts forever; it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, and it is no earthly good to anyone unless it is given away.

Oakland Ward

Ward Bishopric Gets New 2nd Counselor

By Barbara Bentley

Richard Johnson has been chosen second counselor in the Oakland Ward bishopric, and E. Dean Ogden released from that office. The Ogdens have moved to San Pablo, California. The Richard Johnsons have been living in the ward for only two years.

Linda Higham, daughter of our bishop, has returned home after being hospitalized for arthritis for four months.

Interesting events of the past month were: the annual MIA canyon pow-wow held August 3 in Tilden Park; and the ward family picnic held August 21 in Mosswood Park.

RELIEF SOCIETY BAZAAR

The biggest event of the year for Oakland Ward is the Relief Society bazaar and ward carnival to be held September 18 in the Oakland Ward. There will be booths featuring home-made pastry and bread, besides the regular hot dog, hamburger, and skill booths. The bazaar will feature rugs, aprons, clothing, etc.

Mrs. Vanita Ruegg Now Heads Reno's Arts, Crafts Program

The Nevada State Journal of Reno, Nevada, carries a story of interest to East and West Bay saints. Mrs. Vanita Anderson Ruegg, wife of architect Theodore Ruegg, and former teacher of arts and crafts in public and private schools in the East and West bay area, is now head of the extensive arts and crafts activities of six of Reno's supervised playgrounds, and the new day camp program there. Over 2000 boys, girls and mothers have participated in the program.

The paper continues:

"Dee R. Van Nest, supervisor of recreation for the city, said yesterday that Mrs. Vanita Ruegg, who was selected to head the Craft program this year for the recreation department, comes to Reno with a very fine background in this field. She has had extensive training and experience at Brigham University and was with the San Pablo and Richmond Recreation Department for several years, working in the field of children's and adults' crafts."

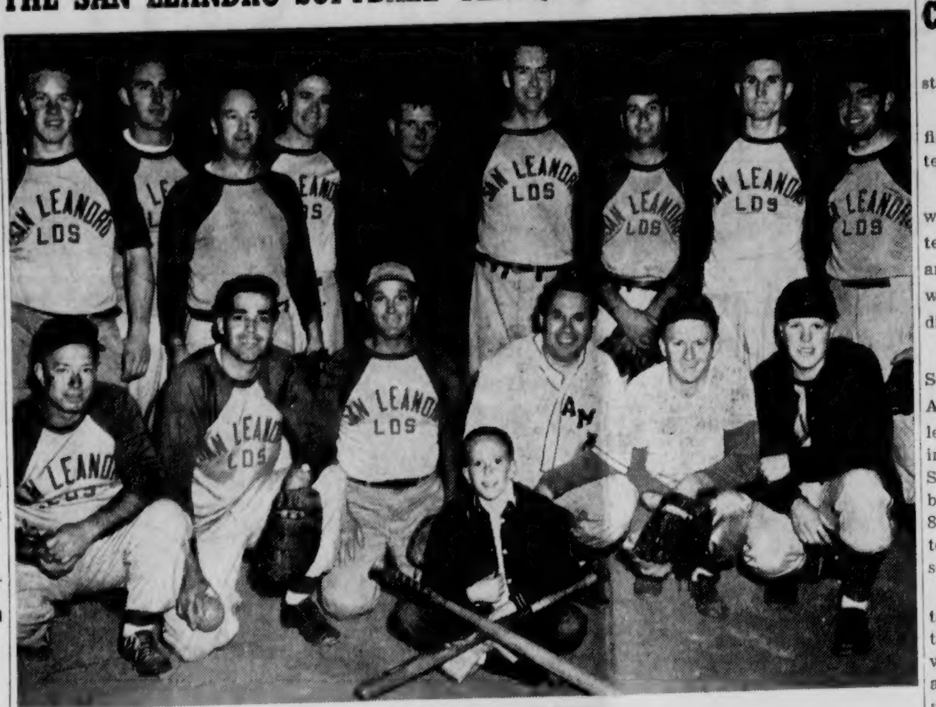
Richard A. Bliss Weds Shirley I. Evans In Salt Lake Temple

Richard Arthur Bliss, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Arthur Bliss of Oakland Fourth Ward, married Shirley Ida Evans of Salt Lake City, Sept. 2, in the Salt Lake Temple

The bridegroom's parents, "Art" and Pearl Bliss, well known church workers in Oakland stake were in Salt Lake for the temple wedding.

A second wedding reception for the couple is announced for Sept. 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bliss, 4225 Lincoln avenue, Oakland.

THE SAN LEANDRO SOFTBALL TEAM, 1954 SEASON

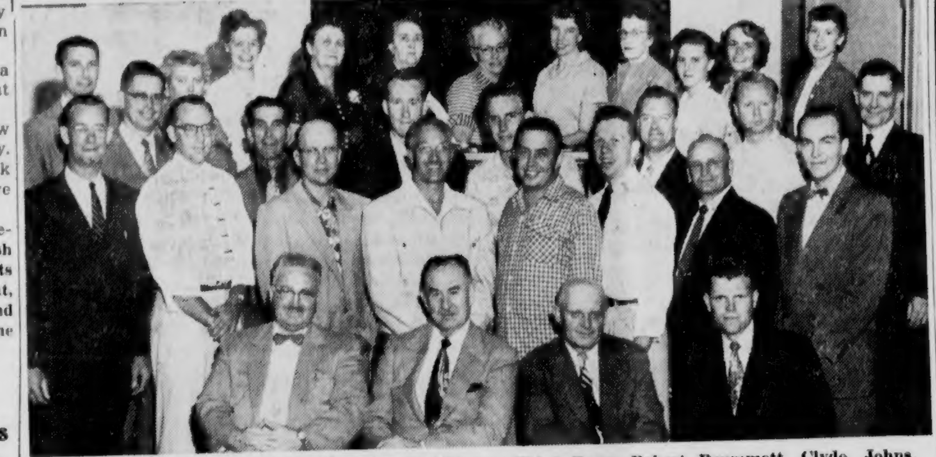


The powerful San Leandro softball team is shown above together with their peppy young mascot, Bobby Stagg. The team shown, left to right are: Kneeling: Tommy Noble, Elwood Randall (manager), Adrian Shipper, Mal Duke, Bob Barry, Russ McBride.

Standing: Kieth Bohannan, Don Biery, Wayne Stagg, Bill Nelson, Bud Abbot, Frank Davis, Allan Barker, Tony Bozich, Bert Leavitt.

Mascot: Bobby Stagg.

OAKLAND STAKE MISSION GRADUATING CLASS



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE GRADUATING CLASS of Oakland Stake Missionaries, June, 1954. Left to right, Front Row: Leonard Lyon, mission president; Milton P. Ream, of the Stake presidency; Rufus O. Phelps, of the stake high council; and Sterling Nicolaysen, counselor to Pres. Lyon.

Second Row: James McCluskey, Seymour Murray, Warren Berg, Edward Kingsford, Willis Turner, Robert L. Park, Ellis Olsen, Jay Van Wagoner.

Third Row: Robert Brummett, Clyde Johns, Bill Atkins, Edward Billings, William B. Everett.

Last Row: A. Bliss Cook, training supervisor; Doris Kingsford, Amy Bruerton, Ethel Larson, Mildred Fontano, Ora McCluskey, Elsie Lyon, Mary Alyce Johns, Dawna Hickox, Ralene Darton, and Geraldine Schultz.

Elders Brummett, Thomas, and Van Wagoner are district presidents.

San Leandro Ward

Playground Equip. Paid From Banquet

By Nellemae K. Tanner

Proceeds from our recent ward banquet were sufficient to cover the cost of playground equipment for our lot at the rear of the chapel.

The MIA-sponsored family swimming party, feed and dance held at Farrelly Pool on August 20 proved to be a delightful evening of fun for all.

A charming semi-formal Junior Gleaner stake dance was held at San Leandro Ward on August 30.

The Sunday school faculty will hold a Bar-B-Q at the home of counselor Vao Cheney, September 11.

On August 19 the Primary organization celebrated its birthday with a wienie roast and party for the children.

A surprise baby shower was given in honor of Joyce Leavitt and Phyllis Potts, Primary teachers, on August 25, by the ladies of the Primary. These two will "retire" temporarily to await the coming of their wee ones.

Jim and Don Urish have spent the past month at the Oak City, Utah, home of Elder Nielson, former full-time missionary, who was instrumental in converting the Urish family. The boys had a grand visit and also helped the Nielson family with harvesting and other chores around the ranch.

Thee Hal Hansens and children in August traveled in Oregon on a combination business and pleasure trip.

Joseph Tanner and family attended Pioneer Day festivities in Salt Lake City and also were present at their family reunion there.

Sister Gaisford and nephew Jerry Noble are visiting with relatives in Salt Lake City.

We rejoice with the Louis Schoenfields and children, Louis J., and Linda, who recently received endowment and sealing ordinances at the beautiful Idaho Falls Temple.

We welcome two adult converts, Brothers LeRoy Bauer and Clarence L. Ferguson, both of whom were confirmed members of the church Sunday, August 1st. Sharon Moore and Carol Ann Kite.

Herbert Marsh, serving in the army, was recently in Japan and had dinner with the Edwin Shurtliff's, formerly of Hayward Ward and well known in Oakland Stake.

Howard Marsh has been made president of the Harvard Law Club.

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Oakland Fourth Ward

Scouts, Young Ladies Enjoy Campfire Trip

Gerry Larsen

Camping trips for scouts and young women of the ward.

We invite the curious to visit the site of our chapel and to remain and join in the fun of building. Progression is fairly rapid but could go faster.

Teachers honored at ward Primary conference for their years of service were Lynette Verhaaren and Margie Hawkins, who had served 15 and 6 years respectively.

Troop 4, Boy Scouts, spent a week in mid-August at Mirabell Park on the Russian River, under the fine direction of scoutmaster Bob Enz.

ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

The attendance program is carrying on, with several new girls receiving their 100 per cent award pins. They are Karol Larsen, Arlene and Laura Woods, and Barbara White.

Johnny Henderson and Jared Kim Larsen were baptized members of the church by their respective fathers.

Sister Katherine Beck, 98 years old, sustained serious injuries after a fall recently.

Jay Robinson and his bride are in Quantico, Virginia, where Jay is serving with the Marine Corp. He is a recent graduate of the U.C. at Berkeley.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Paine families at our different services. Their family reunion was observed at the homes of Patriarch and sister Paine, the Wendell Martins, and the Grant Hawkins.

Best wishes to Ronnie Judson and to Tommy Johnson, both of whom have recently been married.

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SAN LEANDRO SOFTBALL TEAM CHOSEN TO PLAY IN S.L.C. FINALS

Oakland Stake is proud of their stake softball champs!

They will play in the Church finals along with the Carmichael team from Sacramento stake.

Under the direction of Bro. Elwood Randall, the San Leandro team turned in some top performances and thrilled the many fans who turned out at Garfield stadium to watch the play-offs.

The final Regional game with Sacramento was played Saturday, August 7th. San Leandro held the lead until the last half of the 7th inning, when the score was tied by Sacramento. Onr champs failed to bring in a run in the first of the 8th, and lost to Sacramento in the top of the 8th when Sacramento scored. Final score, 7-6.

The Oakland stake would like to have sent their championship team to Salt Lake for the church-wide play-offs this year, and we'll admit some disappointment, but we're proud of the San Leandro softball team, not only as ball players but proud that they have been able to accomplish, during the past few years, the purposes for which the softball activity was organized. Congratulations, San Leandro champions!

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Oakland Outings Mark August Affairs

The Oakland stake entertained their SENIOR SAINTS at an outing and picnic in the beautiful garden of President and Sister Milton Ream on Saturday afternoon, August 21st. The highlight of the outing was the very fine good prepared and served by the Ward Relief Societies.

Everyone had a good time and all are looking forward to the next of the regular SENIOR SAINTS' entertainments.

Jr.- -Sr. M Men & Gleaners will long remember **August 6th . . .** It was a hayride in the moonlight. Chatter, laughter, music and renewed friendships, together with the best hot dogs ever eaten, made the evening a real success.

August 13th is worth remembering, too, when this same group visited Sequoia Lodge for volley ball, dancing, and all the watermelon everyone could eat.

Jr. - Sr. M Men & Gleaners events such as these are planned especially for you and can't be a complete success without you. Watch for the dates and join in the fun!

M MEN - GLEANERS . . .
AND CHICKENS
(fried chickens, that is)
August 27

They searched the cook book for the proper recipe and, following directions, ended up with golden brown fried chicken, the envy of any seasoned cook. Tossed green salad, potato chips, soda pop and toasted marshmallows completed the menu.

This all took place at Sequoia Lodge on the evening of July 27th. After a period of friendly visiting, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Our thanks to Sister Owen Muir, who, to a great extent, has planned and directed these summer activities.

Oakland Stake

The Lewis F. Boyles

By Mildred Fontano

The Lewis F. Boyle family of San Lorenzo toured the parks of Western United States, coming back by St. George, Utah, and bringing Mr. Boyle's nephew and niece, the Lundquists, to Oakland to visit Mrs. Thurza Boyle, their grandmother.

The High Priests of Oakland Stake held a picnic and melon bust August 7 at Roberts Park in the Oakland hills at the same time the Seventies of the stake were there. There were melons for the Seventies too.

The Oakland Senior Citizens were entertained August 21, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Milton P. Ream of Hayward. A lovely noon-day meal was served, with a program and visiting following.

We read in the Nevada State Journal of Reno, Nevada, that "2000 Boys, Girls, and Mothers of Reno are taking part in a City Arts and Crafts program, under the able direction of Vanita Ruegg." Vanita taught arts and crafts in the Bay area, then attended spring session at BYU, and has taken the summer crafts recreation work in the city of Reno.

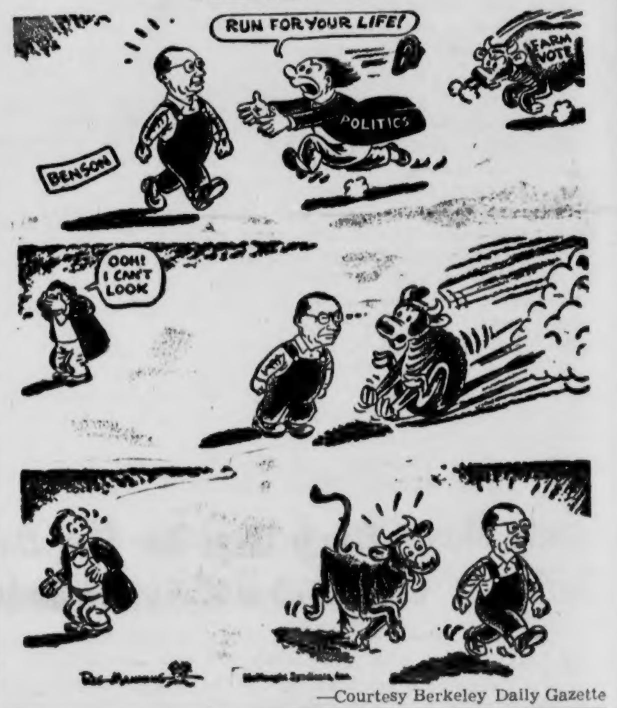
HIGH PRIESTS & SEVENTIES

High Priests & Seventies, with their families, spent a delightful afternoon and evening at Roberts Park in Oakland. The day was especially fine for just such an outing. The fact that the area is new and everything so fresh and clean added to the enjoyment of the group. The beautiful swimming pool was a real attraction.

Picnic baskets were filled with good things to eat, while many barbecued their food in family groups. Bro. Muir promised all the watermelon everyone could eat, and certainly lived up to his agreement.

The day was acclaimed a real success!

Fearless Ezra



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The high priests of San Francisco Stake are sponsoring a welfare project, "Wheat for Man," the why and how of better health in living.

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Through experience we have discovered the importance and benefits of whole wheat in our diet. Many of us have acquired a taste for refined, devitalized foods. We intend to change this by having a supply of better foods for the members of the stake at a source handy for all, to be purchased at a nominal charge.

Our first venture is cracked wheat and whole wheat flour. Also, to encourage the use of this wheat, we have a supply of the book on "Wheat for Man" at $1.00 per copy. This is a book of fine recipes for various items made from whole wheat products. **We do recommend this book for your file of recipes and we believe you will receive many a dollar's value from it.**

It is not our intention to change your plan on the storage of wheat in containers for emergency purposes. We encourage you to have a supply of wheat in sealed containers stored in your home for any emergency, as prescribed by the General Authorities of the Church. Our purpose is to encourage the daily use of wheat so you may enjoy better health.

Points to Remember

1- The bran or outer covering of wheat is made up of four layers rich in minerals, protein and vitamin B.

2- The germ, in which new life is located, is rich in Vitamin B Complex and Vitamin C, as well as protein, fat and mineral matter.

3- The endosperm, or bulk of the kernel, contains cellulose, starch and gluten. It does not contain vitamins and has very little mineral substance (this is your white flour). Therefore we can understand why we should avoid using white flour.

The protein in whole wheat is more suited to the human body than any other in existence except that found in one type of milk.

A supply of cracked wheat or whole wheat flour and the book can be obtained by telephoning your bishop for the name of the high priest who has charge of this stock. (Your bishop will be supplied with a letter to mail to all members of the ward.)

We will exchange your whole wheat for cracked wheat or flour in like amounts without charge.

I. A. Whitecar
President High Priest Quorum

Balboa Ward

MIA Enjoys Outing At San Bruno Park

By Betty Dean

The Balboa Ward MIA journeyed south of the fog belt August 5 to sunny San Bruno Park for an outing. In a baseball game between the girls and boys, the girls, with the help of the umpire, lost by only two runs. A weiner roast and watermelon bust followed.

August 14 found the young people's fireside group spending an enjoyable day at Russian River—swimming, boating and eating.

A large number of our young people are practicing for the stake operetta, "HMS Pinafore." Reed Lindstrom is playing one of the leads.

Leslie Glazier had 100 per cent attendance at all meetings last year. Jeanine Taylor has been released as activity counselor and Mabel Millward sustained. Joanne Parmley has been chosen as speech director.

Over 40 Primary children and their leaders spent a day recently at San Mateo Park.

The Primary has added Sisters Harding and Crystal Shelly as teachers, and Diane Allred as organist.

Sister Greenland has added to her board Sister Lund as the literature teacher, and Sister Jessie Albrecht as the theology teacher.

Elder Jack Parker has been released as an assistant in the Sunday School superintendency, and Jim Christianson (recently released from the MIA) has been sustained.

Don't forget choir practice each Tuesday night between 7:45 and 8:45.

A very successful ward building fund dinner was held on July 24. The theme was "Pioneer Days" and the entertainment and decorations were excellent. Several hundred dollars was added to our building fund.

Many thanks to Rosalie Bailey who "subbed" last month while your reporter was enjoying a short vacation.

Chinese Branch

Newell Cutler Is Now New Branch Head

By Ruth Challis

Since February, 1953, when the work of the fulltime Chinese Missionaries here in San Francisco was assigned to the San Francisco Stake, James W. Challis, stake mission president, has served as branch president. At a testimony meeting on August 1 President Wilford B. Murray, second counselor in the stake presidency, met with us for the purpose of organizing our Branch more fully. Newel B. Cutler was sustained as branch president, with James W. McAlister and Amos L. Owen, counselors.

The following Sunday Elder McAlister was sustained as Sunday School superintendent. President Cutler will direct the activities of the YMMIA with Raymond Jue, Kenneth Wong and Thompson Wong assisting. Sister Lue Dean Grow will direct the YWMIA with Betty Lim and Eleanor Lowe assisting. Jane Wong will act as secretary of the MIA and Flora Lai as Improvement Era director.

Another event of great joy to all of us was the baptism of Raymond Jue this past month. Raymond was one of the very first to welcome the missionaries into Chinatown and to join in worship with them in our Sunday School.

We wish God's blessing for Git Wah Mock, who has joined the Air Force and left for Texas, where he will temporarily be stationed. Brother Mock was a very interested investigator of the Gospel here, and while attending BYU he was baptized. He has been with us part of the summer. Brother Mock will appreciate our letters.

Our young people participated in the stake poster contest for the dance at Richmond July 23. Sister Helen Woo, Raymond Jue and Bill Jaw made very outstanding posters.

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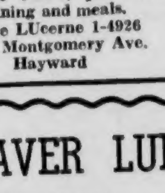

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Invasion -- Gilbert-Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" Light Opera Lands at S.F. Stake House Sept. 10, 11

By Beryl Theurer

September 10 marks P-Day (Pinafore Day) when Gilbert and Sullivan invade the San Francisco Stake for two days, Sept. 10, 11, with words and music that linger upon the lips and in the minds of happy victims long after the "show" is over. Already there are indications of this among the cast of near fifty singers and the staff of the opera, who are found humming their way from one rehearsal to another.

H. M. S. Pinafore, a story of the "Royal Navee" of England, boasts some spirited characters who will be portrayed in the stake MIA production as follows: **Josephine,** Charmaine Halversen, San Francisco ward; Ralph Rackstraw, Reed Lindstrom, Balboa ward; Sir Joseph Porter, Jay Banks of Sunset ward and Melvin Stephenson of San Francisco ward; Captain Corcoran, Vincent Wood of Balboa II; Boatswain, Bob Kone of San Rafael and Preston Williams of Balboa; Dick Deadeye, Howard Ruff of San Francisco ward; Cousin Hebe, Shirley Little and Jean Sargent of San Francisco ward; Little Buttercup, Chris Politis of Mission and Joanna Hobbs of San Francisco ward; and Carpenter's mate, Bill Rich.

Under Jean Lauper as music director and Howard Ruff as stage director, the opera will be presented on September 10 and 11 at the San Francisco Stake House. General manager of the production is Jack Jensen of Balboa ward.

Relief Society

Sixty-seven Relief Society members in San Francisco Stake joined San Jose and Palo Alto stakes for the annual convention at Los Altos August 16. Visiting general board members were Aleine M. Young and Anna Hart.

Jean Maughan, stake chorister of the Relief Society, has joined her husband in Portland, where for the past six months he has been a resident physician.

Lake Louise and Banff in Canada have lured Josephine Danford, Relief Society magazine representative, for a lengthy vacation. Jacketta Quealy, now summering in Utah, will also visit this beauty spot before returning home.

Stake Union Meeting for Relief Society workers will be held September 16 at 10 a.m. at the stake house.

Primary

Joining the stake Primary board as chorister is Ethel Salin of Balboa Ward.

Utah vacationers are Josephine Abegg of the stake Primary board and her two daughters; also Forrest Greene of the High Council and Gerda, stake Primary president, with their twin daughters, who went to celebrate the fortieth wedding anniversary of Forrest's parents, the Mark Greenes, former members of the San Francisco Ward.

Sunday School

"Sunday School Budget Fund Sunday" has been set for September 19. Also, tentative plans were made for "100% Sunday" on September 12.

Stake Sunday School monthly preparation meetings are held the fourth Sunday of each month, the next one being on September 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Percentages for ward attendance at Sunday school for July were: San Francisco, 47%; Mission, 45%; Balboa II, 29%; Balboa, 26%; Sunset, 26%; and San Rafael 23%.

MIA

At San Francisco Stake M-Men and Gleaner elections, July 30, Jerry Wright of San Francisco ward was elected stake chairman with Fred Holmes of Sunset and Reane Hunter of Mission as M-Man and Gleaner counselors, respectively. A swami skit by Lyman Hill advertised the forthcoming three-stake boat party.

Mia Maid-Explorer Summaree

San Bruno Park was the locale for the 50 Mia-Maid-Explorer Stake Summaree picnickers August 10 with stake Explorer Chairman Jay Banks in charge of arrangements, assisted by Emily Trottier.

Russian River Day for Jr. M-Men and Gleaners

A day at Russian River was enjoyed by 29 enthusiastic Jr. M-Men and Gleaners on July 31. Swimming and canoeing were the features of the event. Jr. M-Men supervisor, Frank Heiss, was in charge.

Jean and Claudia Lauper Attend Mia Convention

Jean Lauper, accompanied by her daughter Claudia, attended the recent MIA Convention in Los Angeles. Both returned with glowing reports of the activities presented and the organization of the entire event.

The following girls are attending the Girls' Camp at Cazadero: Balboa Ward—Leslie Glazier, Kathy Glazier, Leslee Newcomb; Balboa II—Caren Okelberry, Karen Gill, Diane Lindman, Dorothy Pearson; San Rafael—Ruth Gette, Judith Tomlinson, Cathleen Casper, Cheryl Lynn, Lynda Tomlinson; Sunset—April Aaron, Sandra Petry, Karen Ray, Judy Mayfield; Mission — Sharon Collins, Janet Trabuco, Mary Carlson, Jacqueline Broughton, Sheila Unck, Logotacao Teo, Joan Libby.

Plans are under way for a special stake Fashion Show for mothers and daughters on October 2. MIA girls—from Beehive through Gleaner age—will make and model their own apparel.

Vacationers: Afton Jensen and family, enjoying Northern California; Frank Heiss, touring points of interest in Utah, Arizona and Nevada; Merle Morris, Marion Nelson, Connie Fairbanks, Alice Chamberlain, Ann Stewart, Alan and Carmen Tuttle, visiting in Utah; and Gayle Wood, a traveler to Arizona.

Linda Hazen, a recent visitor to her home in Utah, returned again to be with her mother, who is ill.

Country Frolic in San Rafael

San Rafael Ward MIA played host to the stake at a "Country Frolic" dance in their new recreation hall and patio on August 7. The event attracted a huge crowd of young frolickers.

Miscellany . . .

A July Vacation for the Jensens

July is a month of historical holidays, and for the Harold C. Jensen family this year it was a month to visit the places where important American history was made. This was partially the motive for their vacation in Boston, spent in full-day tours to the early battlefields and other places of historical interest; in New England, for one week touring by auto the beautiful countryside; and in New York, trying to acquaint themselveswith this largest of American cities. Brother Jensen, a member of the High Council, with his wife and children, Alice and Richard, arrived home by plane the latter part of July.

Georgia Lauper Gates and her young son, Stephen, were recent visitors from Provo at the home of Georgia's parents, President Serge J. Lauper and Sister Lauper. Joining his family later for a brief visit with relatives and friends in the Bay Area was Crawford Gates of the Brigham Young University Music faculty.

Doctor Done Lists Seminary Benefits To High School Ages

In an interview given to the Messenger in Los Angeles, August 7, by Dr. C. Byron Done, director of LDS institutes in Southern California, three major values to be gained by our LDS high school students who attend Church seminaries were stressed.

First in that director and systemical information regarding gospel principles, practice and history are made available five days a week to supplement the Sunday School and other Church classes.

Second, the teachers of seminary classes are specially prepared, **selected and supervised by trained** directors.

Third, by a daily worshipping experience together once a day then comes to the assembled boys and girls a constant reminder of what they represent and they are.

Fourth, a wholesome social identification comes about with their own kind who also are attending the same high school. Without the seminary classes young people often do not see or even know one another altho they are attending the same school.

Surveys made in 1952 show that the graduates of Church seminaries became the leaders in missionary work when later called upon full-time missions, filling positions such as a district presidencies more frequently than other elders who had not similar advantages.

Native Born Per Cent Higher In Utah Than In California

California census figures of 1950 show that 27 per cent of California residents were born in the state. This is a lower percentage of native born than for any other western state.

Utah leads all other western states in this regard, showing 75 per cent native-born residents of 1950.

• The percentage figures for other states are: Nevada 30, Wyoming 38, Oregon 40, Montana 51, and New Mexico 54.

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Relief Society Invite Ladies Of Ward To Oct. Dinner Party

The Sunset Ward Relief Society extends an invitation to all the ladies of the ward to an opening dinner party Oct. 1, 7 p.m. A turkey dinner and fine program is being arranged under the supervision of Pres. Alvina Mairs, Marian Hobson, Naomi Bauman and Roxie Kanzler.

The Relief Society ladies have just completed a summer project of reupholstering 25 chairs of the Relief Society room. This fine work was accomplished under the supervision of Marguerite Roehl.

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Children Tell Things Liked In Teachers

Reporter: Becky Pratt

The Primary Sunday evening program August first was outstanding. The qualities that children like in a teacher were emphasized; each speaker completed the statement, "I like a teacher who ....". The speakers were: Darlien Sorensen, Carol Gray, Everlie Glew, Donna Overson, Barbara Manlove, Mavis Keller, Maurine Whitaker, Verna Thomas, Delores Lambert and Gloria Stracke. Remarks were made by Vera Forbyn and Loya Pryzbyla. Service awards were given by Bishop Price to Merle Dorius (11 years), Eddie Somers (6), Hilma Glew (7), Arlene Glew (5) and Lillie Daily (5). Karen Kramer and Diane Mulkern graduated from Primary into the YWMIA. Organ music was provided by Arlene Glew, and benediction was by Maxine Wright. Lillie Daily in charge.

Darlien and Neal Sorensen entertained the officers and teachers of the Primary at a pot-luck dinner July 17th.

On August 8th, Loya Pryzbyla, Lillie Daily, Maxine Wright and Darlien Sorensen were released from the Primary with a vote of appreciation. The following new officers were sustained: President, Lillie Daily; counselors, Mavis Keller and Delores Lambert; secretary, Barbara Manlove.

The MIA sponsored "Hobo Night" at Sigmund Stern Grove August 3rd was great fun.

Big Basin Outing

The Big Basin outing under the management of Robert Collins was another MIA success. The campfire program in the evening included a reading by Joana Hobbs and a song by Charmaine Halvorsen accompanied by Marion Lockwood on her ukelele.

Vacationers: Audrey Grayson in Vancouver, B.C., and Marion Nelson in Salt Lake City, Utah; the David B. Neffs in Zion to attend the temple marriage of Natalie to Robert Pratt of McGill, Nevada.

Our ward has an attendance record of 49 per cent at Sunday school—the highest in the Stake.

James A. Mack, formerly of our ward, now of San Jose first, will serve in the Northwestern States Mission. Bishop Price was a speaker at his farewell testimonial August 8th.

Budget Peaches

1455 cans of peaches was our budget for the Welfare project. In addition, 2½ tons of peaches have been ordered for group canning.

Our honor list of blood donors includes the following: Robert E. Armand, Byron F. Field, Ruth E. Firmage, Jacquelyne R. Ford, Bernell W. Hales, Lillias M. Livingston, Dell L. Mortimer, Barbara Munroe, Jane S. Steed, Eldon M. Stephenson (twice), Tove Sondergaard, and Robert Schuchardt. Add your name to the list by giving a pint of blood at the Irwin Memorial Hospital, 2180 Washington Street. Donations are urgently needed now.

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Balboa Second Ward

Ward MIA, Primary Enjoy Summer Doin's

By Ruth Challis

The MIA held a watermelon bust August 5 at South San Francisco park, and a swimming party August 19. The opening of the fall session in MIA comes September 8. Be sure to attend!

The Primary had their annual zoo picnic on August 12. Karen Kay Gill and Dolly Fay Yost graduated from Primary and were welcomed into the MIA at the sacrament service August 15. Melza Pearson has been sustained as the "Children's Friend" magazine representative. Be sure and contact her for the "Children's Friend" in your home.

The officers and teachers of the Relief Society attended the inter-stake convention at Los Altos in August. The opening social will be held September 21. Be sure and keep this date in mind! Thanks to all who have helped the Relief Society prepare the Saturday lunches for the men who work on the Mission Ward building.

A large crowd enjoyed a potluck dinner July 24. The Primary children put on a Pioneer parade after dinner . . . Our ward has completed its welfare assignment of canned peaches and jam. Thanks to all the good workers!

Blessed: Jack Ellis Ransom; **baptized:** Christine June Johnson Williams, her daughter, Cheryl June Williams, and Richard Wayne Johnson; **ordained:** William Aussereses, a deacon; Amos L. Owen, an elder; **sustained:** Elwood Roberts, assistant superintendent Sunday school; Frank Heiss, activity counselor YMMIA.

Bishop's Message: A man's willingness to follow the word of the prophets can be measured by how he lays in store those essentials required to maintain himself and his family for two years as directed by the leaders of the Church for the past 18 years. We can feel sure that the Lord cannot bless us fully if we do not give adherence to this principle of our welfare program.

Congratulations to the Paul R. Jolleys on the birth of their new baby girl.

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—Malachi 3:1.

On Diligence in Service of the Lord

Guest Editorial by E. L. Howard

Editorial

"For I Jacob and my brother Joseph had been consecrated priests and teachers of this people by the hand of Nephi. And we did magnify our office unto the Lord, taking upon us the responsibility of answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach the things of God with all diligence, wherefore by laboring with all our might their blood might not come upon our garments, and we might be found spotless in the last day."

I remember working beside my father pruning and caring for many acres of olives. There were several kinds, each kind having its peculiar needs, and demanding special attention. Some because of heavy ramification needed extra labor. I remember well that on the south hill the soil was rocky and needed more labor than in the gully which ran through the very center of the grove. Many is the time that my father had to remind me to labor a little in the gully. I was always neglecting those trees because they had little need of attention.

Visitors would always see well kept trees on the south hill but often trees in other parts of the grove were becoming useless with dead limbs. This because the soil was better, the sun brighter, and they usually needed less attention—thus they were forgotten. Only tireless work would put back the life so nearly lost by the neglect of the husbandman.

It is true that in the church we preach and work with diligence and much labor in that part of the grove where the need is greatest but where the Gospel has been preached and the people converted we usually neglect.

It is a true statement, "The coming of Christ is at our very doors," and many there are without oil in their lamps, and more still without lamps. We are set apart to supply the lamps and encourage the purchase of oil. In the parable told by Christ the lamps represent the gospel and the oil is the growth purchased by faithfully fullfilling the duties of membership in the kingdom of God. The light and understanding that comes from the combination of faith and works. Therefore in order that our people might have oil in their lamps to give its light at the coming of Christ, we who teach must fully complete our obligations that we incurred when we entered the service of the Lord.

Our work, then is to prepare our own lamps as handsome samples, and then as efficient workers, put into the hands of all persons the lamp, or the gospel of Christ. Then by love and long suffering teach the possessors of these lamps to desire the oil (or works) in the Church. Then and then only shall their light so shine before all men as a sign to prove that Jesus is the Christ, thereby cleansing the world for his coming.

PREPARE YE, PREPARE YE FOR THAT WHICH IS TO COME

Guest Editorial by Dr. Hearl Crowther of Berkeley Stake

It is difficult in these latter days to peruse a magazine or newspaper and fail to come upon one or more articles written upon the subject of preparedness. We read of hydrogen bombs, of atom powered submarines, of cannon, of rockets, of guided missiles and such. We read this and that bastion, newly established for preparedness. We scan statistics dealing with the number of available infantry, of jet fighter planes and bombers, of air craft carriers; all planned and specifically designed to destroy lives and property.

We read carefully prepared directions concerning the case of attack; but rarely, in any of the so-called popular periodicals, do we read of the vital importance of being adequately and comfortably prepared for that journey which each of us must eventually take, and from which none may escape. Or of being prepared by clean living, clean thinking, and clean conscience to meet our Maker. This latter is the most important preparedness of all.

As Latter-day Saints we have the blessed privilege of knowing the true gospel of Jesus Christ. We are chosen, therefore, and are presented a challenge to lead those not so fortunate.

But how shall we lead them? Firstly, we must lead them in love, even our enemies. But pre-eminently we must follow the first commandment, and also the second, which is like unto it. We must let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

"And the day cometh that you shall hear my voice and see me, and know that I am." (D & C)

"Watch, therefore, that ye may be ready." (Mathew)

"Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come." (D&C)

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About Japan

By VINAL G. MAUSS

Although it is said the art of making silk was discovered by the Chinese, the Japanese have been the ones who have developed and made it one of the chief industries of the Far East. It is a most fascinating culture and requires great skill and patience.

According to the temperature, it takes from 3 to 7 days for the moth egg to hatch the worm, which then commences a short span of life that usually never exceeds 40 days. The worm has four molting periods, each one shedding its old skin for a new one, as the skin is not able to keep pace with the worm's growth. When the worm molts, it ceases eating, grows slightly lighter in color and remains in a quiet state for about 2 days. Each successive molt the worm grows lighter in color, finally becoming almost white; and the hair, long at first, gradually disappears. The worm lives for about 40 days as a worm, until it attains its full growth of 2 or 3 inches. During this time it is fed on mulberry leaves, which are assorted and chopped according to the age of the worm. In rainy weather each mulberry leaf is carefully wiped dry, as dampness may prove fatal. At maturity and with the instinct of a perfect engineer, it fastens its silken guy lines to a twig or bundle of straw so that the cocoon will be effectively secured in place.

The worm now spins itself, in its precious white cocoon, into a sleep from which only the small minority reserved for breeding will ever awake. The silk is elaborated in a semi-fluid condition in two vessels inside the worm. Near the head of the worm these vessels grow more slender, finally uniting within the spinneret, the small orifice below the mouth, from which the silk is emitted in a glutinous state and apparently in a single thread. The worm works incessantly. The thin, gauze-like network which soon surrounds it gradually thickens until, in 24 hours after beginning to spin, the worm is nearly hidden from view. It requires from 3 to five days to complete the cocoon which, when unwound, gives 800 to 1000 yards of firm, continuous thread. Thus the worm provides a silk filament, derived from mulberry leaves, which has been transformed in its body by a magical process. If it were unwound by hand it would require several hours of very patient labor. Actually the unraveling is done mostly by machinery after the cocoon have gone through a bath of warm water and steam. It is then gathered into skeins and sorted into bunches according to the shade of whiteness.

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Your Dental Health

By
Dr. Hearl Crowther

At thirteen, Martha Ann gave ample promise of being a real American beauty. Her dark, lustrous hair gleamed like a raven's wing. Long lashed, expressive, deep blue eyes, and well formed eyebrows gave her face an intelligent expression much to be admired. Her nose, charmingly set, harmonized attractively with her other features.

At sixteen, however, her complexion, noticeably mottled here and there by unsightly blemishes, could almost, but not quite, be concealed by skillful make up. In fact, and in spite of the skin condition, Martha Ann was still a pretty girl—until she smiled.

Lately, too, she had observed her friends, backing away from her when she talked to them. She couldn't quite understand this. She chewed a lot of gum, and kept some sort of candy, like Life Savers, in her mouth most of the time as a breath deodorant.

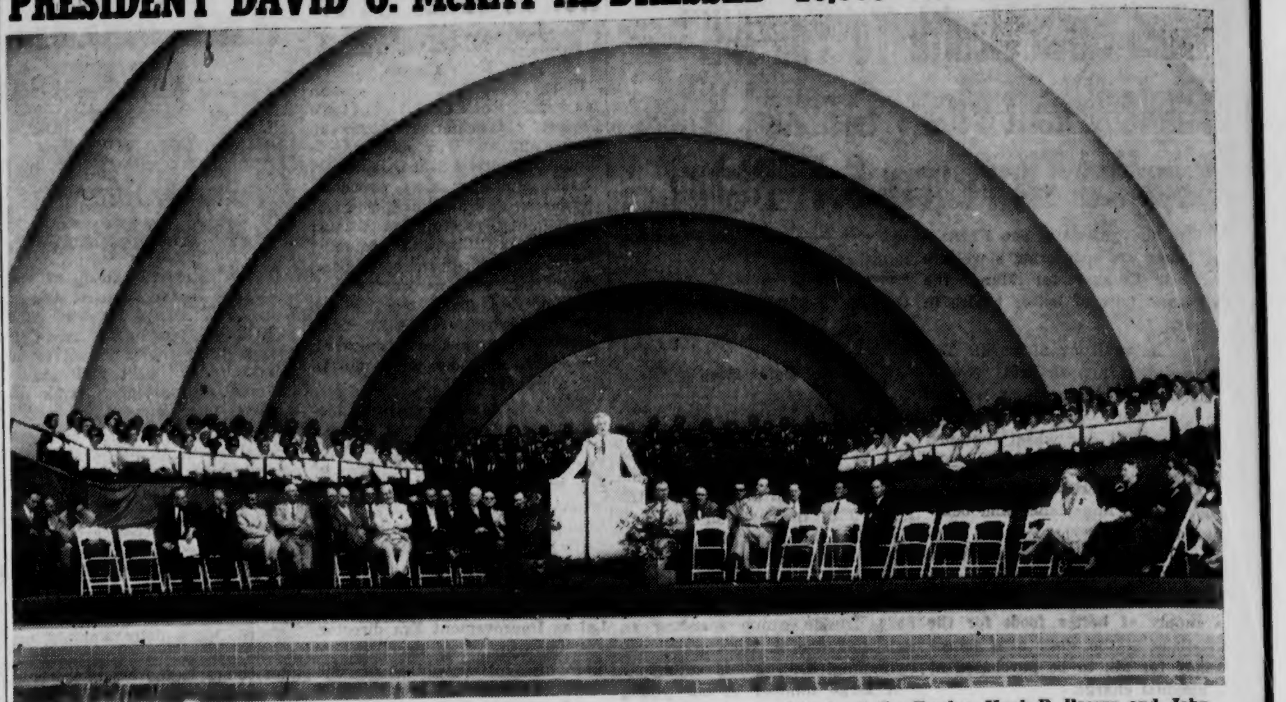
Since entering high school, she had regularly joined "the gang" for "a coke" at noon, and another in the evening on the way home. She always had a coke, or double thick malted milk, with her hamburger and pie a la mode at lunch time. As a matter of fact, Martha Ann was rapidly taking on that unbecoming, fatty appearance which bespoke of far too much refined sugar and starch in her diet. By thirty, unless she radically changed her diet habits, she would be fat, frumpish, and look older.

Came that minor day of reckoning when the whole of one side of Martha Ann's face began to swell and to ache alarmingly.

Fortunately for her, the dentist whom she saw was well informed upon diet. He explained to her that most "bad" complexions were caused by wrong foods; that dental decay is largely caused by too much refined sugars and starches; that halitosis is often caused by the taking of wrong foods into our bodies. He told her of the harm caused by cokes, 7-Up, and other similar drinks, and by the sugar in gum and Life Savers and such.

Martha Ann was frightened. She promised to follow the doctor's advice: to eat plenty of fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products. She would eat liver, fish, poultry, beef, etc., in reasonable proportion. Above all, she would eliminate cokes, heavily sugared drinks and confections, refined starchy foods, and such from her diet. In short, she would do what she could to save her remaining teeth and to develop into the beautiful and attractive woman which she so richly promised at thirteen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY ADDRESSED 16,000 IN HOLLYWOOD



SUNDAY MORNING IN HOLLYWOOD BOWL under direction of the First Presidency.
Shown above is President David O. McKay speaking at the Sunday morning meeting held in Hollywood Bowl, Sunday, August 8, 1954, in connection with the great MIA Conference conducted by the two MIA General boards for the 15 stakes in Southern California. Present were two apostles, Mark E. Peterson and Le Grande Richards, two assistants of the Twelve, Hugh B. Brown and John Longden, and Carl E. Boehner, of the Presiding Bishopric, and also 42 members of the two general boards of MIA.
Music was by the famed Southern California Chorus of 124 led by Frederick Davis. An audience in excess of 16,000 enjoyed the exercises of that historic meeting, favored by the best of weather. This audience would have filled the Salt Lake Tabernacle twice.

Dear Brethren and Sisters

There are many people who feel unsure of the efficacy of the law of Fasting. They will pay a donation for the help of the worthy poor, and will pray earnestly for a great blessing, but they do not feel that it really matters whether they fast to make this donation or to obtain this blessing. In other words, they have not gained a testimony regarding the benefits both physical and spiritual which are to be gained from this important commandment.

"A religion that does not require the sacrifice of all things never has power sufficient to produce the faith necessary unto life and salvation; for from the first instance of man, the faith necessary unto the enjoyment of life and salvation never could be obtained without the sacrifice of all earthly things," says Brother Lynn A. McKinlay, in his book, "Life Eternal." If this be true, then one of the blessings to be derived from fasting is that of faith or an added measure of spiritual power. "Is this worth while or of any benefit?" we must ask ourselves.

Many of us overeat. This is obvious from expressions we hear daily from our friends and relatives: "I must go on a diet!" We are told by those who have made a study of such subjects that many of us use food, not to maintain life, but as a substitute for living. Hunger is our first drive when we come into the world and it is a necessity in order to sustain life. It should be pleasurable and satisfying but should not be used as a means to cover up the miserable feelings one encounters because of confusion and unhappiness.

Be this as it may, when one is able to take the physical body in hand and fast with rejoicing, he has gained a victory over his body and has placed himself in a position to be guided by his spiritual self. He has exercised his will power and feels a sense of elation over this triumph. Then along with this he has been told that he must pray. Fasting without prayer would only resolve half the blessing. This brings him nearer to the spiritual life and thus closer to his Heavenly Father. Although we are only required to fast once each month, there are many who make it a weekly habit. Not for the giving of donations but for the habit of bringing them closer to their Heavenly Father and strengthening their faith.

We close with these words, written by Paul, the apostle, to the Romans: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Sincerely your brother,
C. W. Nalder,
President Central Atlantic States Mission, formerly bishop S. F. Ward.

First General MIA Conference Ever Held Outside Utah

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which thus escaped a hot spell of a short time before the gathering.

Camping and Sports Institute

Integral parts of the huge conference were the YWMIA camping and sports institute in which demonstrations were conducted in camp cookery, first aid, tent forms; and a dance department work shop.

Saturday morning and afternoon was given over to department sessions for separate MIA departments and activities in the wards and stakes. These sessions were conducted by the various general board members along unique lines of proceedure and with ample mimeoed instruction sheets and forms. Methods of carrying on lessons and activities were freely demonstrated, questions discussed and answered.

Not For Northern California

When asked whether a similiar MIA Conference would be held in Northern California, Pres. Bertha S. Reeder of the General YWMIA Board answered in the negative. MIA and Church workers from Northern California who attended the August Conference in Southern California felt that the north does not yet have the LDS population sufficient to justify so large an undertaking. The cost to the 15 stakes involved in the August 1954 Conference was reported as approximately $9,000.

Furthermore, the burden upon the General Board members and presidencies was very great in this August conference, coming as it did only two months after the great annual June MIA Conference in Salt Lake City. They were taken from their vacations as men and their home duties as mothers for a considerable period of time, just as their MIA duties are very great preparing for the many regular institutes beginning with the September opening of regular MIA in the wards of the Church.

Which Word Is Right?

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And there must be some good and some bad in all of us. Most of the Mayflower descendants who are so proud of their ancestry, probably could count quite as large a number of ancestors from among the sons and daughters of the Steerage as from among those who crossed the ocean on the famous ship that bore the Pilgrim Fathers." —Why We Behave Like Human Beings, p. 112, by George A. Dorsey . . . .

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GOINGS AND COMINGS

Berkeley 1st

Mrs. Leonora Hill visited her daughter and Brother Earl Amott in Glendale in late July. While Sister Hill was in the Southland, her son "Bill" from down there visited in Berkeley on his way with his family for a vacation in the Redwood region. Bill and his wife attended Berkeley First Ward services one Sunday night and met friends of his mother here.

Dr. Hearl and Margaret Crowther left August 21 for a visit in Salt Lake City.

I. B. Ball flew to Southern California August 4th and attended the MIA Conference there. He was guest at the home of Bro. and Sis. Ray Blied in Pasadena, formerly of Berkeley. Returning, Bro. Ball spent time with the family in Ventura of his brother-in-law, Russell B. Hodgson, patriarch of Santa Barbara Stake and chief petroleum engineer of Associated Oil Co., for the seven western states; and in Coalinga he visited his cousin, Veda B. Cooper.

Lee Kenner spent Aug. 23-28 at the BYU in the annual gathering of LDS seminary and institute directors, and teachers. Sister Kenner is spending the summer on the Kenner ranch above Gridley with the family.

Centerville Branch

Mrs. Elva Baker of Grants Pass is visiting her son John, in Niles.

Ruth and Patsy Hunt are home again after a vacation in Pocatello. The last week was saddened by the death of Andy's father.

The Jay Jibson family went to Burley for a Richin family reunion.

Ed Maughan and family are visiting Burma's sister and family near Seattle, where Ed will work until the opening of school.

Tommy Pugmire and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation. They missed a family reunion because of the serious accident of Farrell's brother, who broke his leg. "Grandma" Pugmire will return next week.

Sister Hughie Johnson went to Utah for the wedding of her daughter, Mauna, and Allan Jordon, of Tooele in the Logan Temple. They will make their home at Park's Air Force Base. Sister Johnson also visited a brother at Nephi.

Post cards are now coming from the top of the Empire State Building in New York from the Oxborrows.

Sister Lindsay's sisters, Claire Murdock and Evangeline Beeseley, came for a short vacation. Our branch had the privilege of hearing them sing at sacrament meeting.

The Lindsays, accompanied by Bro. Lindsay's sister, May Hobson, Artie Green, and Larry, enjoyed the week of August 1-8 at the Liahona Lodge. Brother Lindsay went along for fishing. 30 members of the priesthood and their families from the Claremont Ward were at the Lodge and conducted church services.

Myrna Green is spending the week with her parents.

Berkeley Second. Patriarch and Mrs. J. H. Watkins, father and mother of Sister Margaret Owens, were visitors here from Logan, Utah. They brought Larry Owens back with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream are planning a 6-week trip to the Orient. Tentative plans are to leave by air on Sept. 17, meet their son, Forrest Ream, who is stationed in Tokyo, Japan. Their itinerary includes the Phillipines and Bangkok. They will return by ship from Japan.

David Owens flew back from Logan, Utah where he had been visiting, to go to work at Hagstroms Stores. Harold Gaisford and his family were recent visitors from Salt Lake City.

Pleasant Hill. Virginia and Herb Macey and chilluns enjoyed a vacation in Utah, with friends and relatives.

Lela and Jim Kaufman and Bud and Neta Peacock and family spent several days together at Kings Canyon National Park.

Your Pleasant Hill reporter, D. F., spent several fun-filled days in Southern California and Mexico, making the trip with Doris MacDougall.

Velda Coffin, and sons, Brent and Tris, had a wonderful month visiting with relatives in Paul, Idaho.

Oakland Fourth. Bishop Curtis Bybee and family vacationed at Tahoe.

Ardell Woods and Lynette Verhaaron drove to Arizona for a visit.

Ray and Van Shields had as visitors her mother and sister from Utah.

Norma Williams is visiting the Bay Area, but unfortunately has spent the time confined to bed at the hospital and at her sister's homes.

Joyce Briscoe Grieggs was visitor for a day from her home in New Orleans . . . Former ward member Miriam Lee and family were visiting from their home in Eugene, Oregon . . . The Osmond family spent the day with us also, Ralph has completed two years at BYU and returns again in the fall . . . The Quentin Taylors of Harmony Hills were recent visitors . . . Ru and Nana Folkman are in Utah visiting after taking her aunt Jane home from a visit with them in Oakland . . . The Fortinis' are vacationing in Northern California.

Martinez. Vacationing in Utah are the Eugene Bulloughs, Hattie Vom Dorp, and Lora Skidmore and her youngsters.

Vallejo First. Bishop and Mrs. Kincaid and two boys, "got away from it all", when they motored to Richardson's Grove for a ten day vacation in July.

Mr. E. Z. Taylor recently returned from an insurance convention at Coronado, California. His daughter, Marjorie, of Covena, California, accompanied him home for a vacation in Vallejo and Piedmont.

Wedding Bells

A stork shower was given for Berta Evenson at the home of Gladys Holden.

Friends of the Steve Abbotts held a farewell barbecue at Rankin Park in their honor. The Abbotts are leaving for Anacortes Washington soon.

Balboa Ward. Betty Jo Gelwix and Marilyn Allen were hostesses recently at a stork shower for Doris Fibbs. On the same evening Ann Stewart, Darlene Parker and Afton Jensen had a stork shower for Joy Noall, held at the home of Afton Jensen.

Claremont. Barbara Gifford was given a surprise shower at the home of friends just a week prior to her son's arrival.

A double shower was given for Evelyn Martinez and her sister, Bonnie Johnston, at the home of Earlene Reiche.

A surprise baby shower was held Wednesday, August 25, for Barbara Jones, a newcomer in our ward.

Births

Claremont. To Barbara and Gale Gifford a son, named Dirk Burgan Gifford.

San Bruno.

To Sister Hawker, a girl.

To Sister Case, a girl.

To Sister Jerry Sorenson, a girl.

Oakland 2nd. Born June 24, to Mr. and and Mrs. H. Robert Brummett, their third daughter, Rebecca.

San Leandro

James Robert Burrows, infant son of Bro. and Sis. Aaron Burrows, was given a name and blessing on August 1st.

Richmond Ward. A daughter, Cynthia Ann, born July 30 to Ardeth and Albert L. Story.

Obituaries

Oakland 4th. Our sympathy to Fern Nelson and family upon the passing of her mother, Sister Pardoe, in Ogden. Fern attended the funeral there.

Ezra Barlow passed away suddenly, leaving his wife, Gladys, two sons Larry and Dick and a daughter, Betty Crase. Betty will be remembered as a member of the stake Primary board; she now lives in Concord.

Oakland 2nd. Sister Elizabeth Hansen Brummett, wife of Burton Brummett, passed away on August 17. Sister Brummett has been a resident of Oakland for many years and was loved by many.

Cora L. Thompson passed away in July. Sister Thompson became a member of the Church in the early 1940's.

Richmond

David W. Burdell of 430 So. First Street, Richmond, who has been ill since his discharge from the United States Army seven years ago, passed away August 18 at the Veterans' Hospital in Oakland. Funeral services were held August 24 at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley. Burial took place at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Francisco. David is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Burdell, and three brothers, Henry, Lowell and Scott.

Sing While You Drive

At 45 miles per hour, sing—
"Highways Are Happy Ways."
At 55 miles, sing—
"I'm But a Stranger Here,
Heaven Is My Home."
At 65 miles, sing—
"Nearer, My God, To Thee!"
At 75 miles, sing—
"When the Roll Is Called Up
Yonder, I'll Be There."
At 85 miles, sing—
"Lord, I'm Coming Home."

— as found on back of business card of Zeb N. Skousen, insurance man, in Los Angeles.

Santa Rosa YWMIA Girls Summer Camp

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fortune in camp occured when Sister Ferrin broke her hand while on a hike.

Around Evening Camp Fire

Every evening the girls gathered around the big camp fire for singing, stories, games and other activities. On Tuesday night, Mutual was held with Helen Brockbank, Stake YWMIA president, conducting. The Bee Hive class was taught by Sister Orcutt, stake Bee Hive leader; the Mia Maids by Stella Johnson, stake Mia Maid leader. The singing was conducted by stake music director, Maude Briscoe; and Stake Drama Director Naomi Cheney taught the girls the technique of blackouts during rehearsal period.

Highlight of the week was Wednesday morning when the girls rose early for sunrise service. It was a foggy, cold morning, but the girls climbed to a high spot on one of the many hills surrounding camp, and were warmed by the spirit of the meeting. Our stake president, John Murdock, gave the girls words of inspiration and counsel which they will not soon forget.

The weather gave us a fine test for sportsmanship and the girls came through with flying colors. Each morning the sun was concealed by fog until close on to noon. It was cold; and the girls shivered as they scrambled into their clothes and raced for the camp fire to warm themselves (the wood gatherers were always busy). Every girl was up in time for flag ceremonies each morning and, although it was too cold for morning swimming, as had been planned, there was a minimum of grumbling and a plenty of smiles and cooperation.

Happy Memories, "Memory Grove"

Every girl left camp Friday with good memories of "Memory Grove" and gratitude to the leaders who accompanied them. The good fellowship and comraderie which comes only around the glowing embers of a camp fire, the knowledge of new skills, participation in activities stimulating to the mind and body, the experience of cooperative work, the spiritual uplift of services held in the forest, high above worldly influences—all combined to make the week a memorable experience for the girls and leaders alike.

Note: The Stake Special Interest Outing at Oak Lake Park was held Friday, August 27, and a Stake Scouting camp-out occurred the same week-end. Coming just as the Messenger was on the press for the September issue, they will of necessity be reported next month.

Following are the names of the girls who attended:

Nelda Early, Barbara Whitley, Caroline Tuft, Judith Sindell, Sharon Beardall, Carolyn Olson, Katherine Hammarstrom, LaVon Cheney, Marilyn McPeak, Bette Wallace, Caroline Kruger, Kay Cunningham, Fay Call, Nancy Cronhardt, Nancy Clarke, Colleen Hacking, Margaret Baker, Sharon Smith, Carol Kucek, Lois Betts, Jean Skipper, Karon Gundestrup, Gwen Gundestrup, Diane Reeder, Nancy Skipper, Frances Henderson, Joyce Fischer, Jane Stuart, Noreen Hansen, Judy Fraser, Helen Zundel, Nancy Henderson, Arlene Hazen, Roberta Miller, Evalyn Shurtleff.

The following ward counselors accompanied the girls: Vallejo II, Fern Boyer; Santa Rosa, Vera Wallace; Ukiah, Marilyn Ogden; Vallejo I, Rosella Johnson; Napa, Elaine Gundestrup and Nora Keeler.

The following stake officers were present throughout the week of camp: Verda Telford, Rhoda Orcutt, Namoi Candland, Twila Ferrin and Helen Brockbank.

Lois Telford attended as life guard and swimming instructor.

The people of St. Helena were extraordinarily kind and accommodating to us. We would like to acknowledge especially the kindness of Mildred Griffith, Realtor; W. J. Giugni and Son, grocers; Mr. Alexander Hamilton, whose help in filling the swimming pool was invaluable; and Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, caretakers of White Sulphur Springs.

Of course, the ones to whom we owe the most are our Stake YMMIA Board and the husbands of the YWMIA Stake officers, especially Brother Rex Candland, whose help in obtaining the camp site for us was invaluable. All the cleaning up work and repairs which were necessary for preparation of our camp was done with the aid of these gentlemen without whose help there is little that the YWMIA could accomplish. To all of these people we give our sincere gratitude.

Oakland, the Mother Branch in California

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and the restoration of the gospel; so he decided to try and locate the Re-organized church in Oakland. He was unsuccessful in finding one —but one day he overheard a conversation of two men—they were talking about the Re-organized church. He inquired about their meeting place and then started going to church.

In this branch of the Re-organized church were a number of members who had originally belonged to the so-called "Utah Church." One of these members was Alfred Nethercott—a brilliant talker and the best informed man in their church. Brother Nethercott convinced my father that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants were the word of God, and he baptized my father into the Re-organized church September 2nd, 1889.

Felt Was on Wrong Track

However, always back in the mind of Brother Nethercott was a feeling that the Re-organized church was on the wrong track. He formerly was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Utah and came to California many years before this and had lost contact with the church, as there was no branch in the whole state. As time went on, the Re-organized authorities found that Bro. Nethercott was teaching my father Mormonism, and there was a great dissention in the local church, and Bro. Nethercott was ex-communicated. My father then left Oakland and went south again—living this time in Redondo Beach.

In the mean time Bro. Nethercott had written to the authorities of the Latter-day Saints Church in Salt Lake City requesting that some missionaries be sent to Oakland as he wished to be rebaptised into the Church. Soon an Elder Mark Lindsay was sent to Oakland and Bro. and Sister Alfred Nethercott and their family were rebaptised. (Part of this family was Chas. J. Nethercott and his wife Rebecca, the grandparents of our Bishop Truman Nethercott of the Oakland 2nd Ward.) Elder Lindsay then was requested by Father Nethercott, as he was called, to look up Bro. Phillips in the southern part of the state.

There Elder Lindsay found my father. He had been rather discouraged with the Re-organized church but attended their meetings in Los Angeles in 1891. After much discussion, prolonged study and prayer he became convinced that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the correct one and Elder Lindsay baptised him in the Pacific Ocean at Redondo Beach on July 2nd 1891 and ordained him an elder. This severed all my fathers connections with the Re-organized Church. Being alone in Southern California (there was no branch of the LDS Church there in 1891) he decided to return to Oakland and fellowship with the Nethercott family, but to his surprise found they had all returned to Utah. Possibly there were other members in the state but he knew of none and longed to make contact with some Latter-day Saints.

Letter from Seymour B. Young

During the month of March 1892 my father received a letter from Pres. Seymour B. Young of the First Council of Seventy, stating there was a man in San Francisco who wanted to be baptised. His name was James P. Jorgensen and Pres. Young instructed my father to visit him and baptise him. My father had been in the Church less than a year and this was rather startling news to him. He now knew why he had been ordained an elder by Bro. Lindsay.

He had never performed an ordaince but obeying Bro. Youngs request he went to San Francisco and looked up Bro. Jorgensen. He originally had been a member of the Church in the early days in California, but later joined the Seventh-day Adventist church; but finding no satisfaction there, he wanted to be re-baptised. After inquiring into his feelings and visiting with him several times, my father baptised him. Bro. Jorgensen later moved to Oakland and with his wife, who had never left the Church, were two of the members making up the original branch in Oakland.

In June 1892 Pres. George Reynolds of the First Council of Seventy visited my father in Oakland. He was accompanied by Bro. James Peter Jorgensen who was a member of the Church. Pres. Reynolds had the names and addresses of a few persons who had once belonged to the Church in and around San Francisco and he thought they should be brought together to hold meetings. Several meetings were held in the home of Bro. Jorgensen on Sundays.

In the latter part of August in 1892 Elder John L. Dalton of Odgen came to my father's residence and said he had been appointed as a missionary to open up the California Mission and preside over it. Later other missionaries would be sent out. Pres. Dalton brought his wife and two small children with him. He intended working first with several members who had been in California for many years and had lost their connections with the Church. One was a Joseph Nattress, who was the first one re-baptised after the mission was opened. A Bro. and Sister Vandenberg were also rebaptised.

First Branch Was Organized in Oakland

Pres. Dalton decided that a branch of the Church should be opened in Oakland. The first branch of the Church since the 1846 - 1857 period in California, was organized in Oakland on October 2nd 1892. Joseph Nattress was appointed branch president with Dr. John Peter Vandenberg and James Peter Jorgensen as first and second counsellors respectively and Norman B. Phillips as branch clerk. Sisters Vandenberg and Jorgensen were the other two members. Meetings were held in a hall on Washington Street between 13th and 14th Streets—over Schulters store—now the Maxwell Hardware Co. The rent was $12.00 a month. In December 1892 the meetings were held in a hall at 23rd Avenue and E. 14th Street.

In January 1893 Bro. Vandenberg offered the saints free use of a hall he owned in San Francisco—at 6th & Bryant Streets. The saints in Oakland then went to San Francisco for meetings. The name of the branch was then changed to the San Francisco Branch. Bro. Nattress also returned to Utah and in June 1893 a Frank Greenwell was made branch president.

He told my father, while on a mission to England, he and his campanion first compiled what is now known as the "Ready References for Missionaries." They bought a blank book and an old Bible and cut verses from it and pasted them into the blank book in order. Later the Church accepted this work with some additions and put it into printed form." Morten F. Mortensen was made a counselor to Bro. Greenwell. George Hyde, a medical student at the University of California, was made superintendent of the Sunday school and Norman B. Phillips secretary of the Sunday school.

Three Groups of Early Saints

The saints at that time were evenly divided between three groups: Those who were formerly members and re-baptised; those who were from the Re-organized church—and those who had recommends or were accepted on their original baptisms. In June 1893 my father accompanied Elder A. G. Keller who was sent to Sacramento to open up the missionary work there. He remained only a few weeks. My father records that not one convert was made in Oakland or San Francisco during the entire year of 1893.

Additional missionaries were sent out, and in January 1894 the meeting were moved to a hall on Mission Street—across from the old S.F. Mint. At this time Bro. Karl G. Maeser was appointed president of the mission. Frank Greenwell was released as branch president and Bro. Morten Mortenson was made branch president.

After Bro. Maeser became mission president the first thing he wanted was a conference. The Mid-winter Fair was being held in San Francisco from January to July, 1894. (The meeting reported by Sister Carlisle in the August Messenger was the first conference that had been held since the mission opened in 1892.) Quite a few saints from Utah were visiting San Francisco and Pres. Maeser had charge of the church exhibit at the fair. After holding meetings on Mission Street,

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Palo Alto Stake
Conference
Saturday & Sunday
September 11-12

PALO ALTO STAKE

San Mateo Ward

Ward Saturday Night Dances Successful

By Peggy Card

MIA. The Saturday night dances, hosted by San Mateo Ward MIA for several months, are gaining real momentum. Young people from most of the wards of the stake enjoy each other's company and the wonderful atmosphere of these church dances. A warm welcome goes to L. D. S. young people, MIA age, to attend these pleasant Saturday night dances, held in the San Mateo ward chapel 8 to 11 p.m.

MIA summer activities have included swimming parties, picnics, and socials at the chapel, as well as age-group events.

The YWMIA welcomed Carolyn Croxford, Beverly Raasch, and Penny Lang into the Beehive group, after their Primary graduation in July.

Primary

The Primary summer program for San Mateo ward's youngsters has been a lot of fun. Under the supervision of President Marie Johnson and her counselor, Rhae Thompson, they have been learning some dances, in addition to regular summer Primary work, which are to be presented as a Primary Dance Festival for the parents.

Bouquets To Unsung Heroes: In any large family there are brothers and sisters who regularly perform services which are often unnoticed. Such is sometimes the case in our own San Mateo Ward family—and from time to time we will mention these good folks. Their "behind the scenes" efforts deserve our expressions of appreciation:

Sister Edith Corrigan, for laundering the sacrament tablecloths.

Brother Jim Northrup, for grinding the wheat which is available to all of us, and also for mimeographing the weekly announcements.

Sister Elsie McKnight, for gathering the information printed in the weekly announcements.

Looking Ahead: The Relief Society, Primary, and MIA will soon be starting their fall programs . . . . Watch for dates in the weekly announcements.

The MIA sponsored budget-social for September will be a 3-act comedy presented Thursday, September 9, at the San Mateo Ward Chapel, 8:00 p.m. The directors, Brother and Sister Au, and the excellent cast, are putting forth every effort to make this a delightful evening's entertainment.

A father of six children who had a 40-hour-a-week job received an associate in arts diploma in late June, from the College of San Mateo, an honor which he earned in three semesters instead of the usual four, and with a B average.

John P. Johnson, 39, whose wife is Sister Deane Johnson, earned his diploma in one of the most difficult fields, electronics. Sister Johnson took six children of the Johnson's to see their father receive his award. Mr. Johnson works as electronics' supervisor at the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Belmont.

San Bruno Ward

Welcome to Bro. Scott Sister Ruth Mobley, Baby Robin A. Edgar

By Cliff Pratt

The members of San Bruno Ward extend their welcome to Brother J. Russell Scott, who is visiting here from Jefferson Ward in Salt Lake City. Brother Scott, who has been on a mission in the East Central States for two years, is spending some time here taking training at Eitel McCullough in San Bruno. He has also been a member of the Tabernacle choir for 18 years.

Also welcomed into San Bruno Ward is Sister Ruth Mobley of South San Francisco, who was confirmed a member of the church on August 1st.

Babies Blessed: Robin A. Edgar, on August 1st, by the baby's father, Mel Edgar.

John Parry has recently been released from his position as First Assistant Sunday school superintendent in order to perform a stake mission along with his wife, Gene Parry. Also serving as stake missionaries are Brother and Sister Tom Fijls, and the G. E. Robinsons.

Thanks to the members of the ward who cooperated in the welfare canning project. The assignment has been completed.

Bishop Tom Curtis and family recently returned from an enjoyable trip to Salt Lake City, where they had the pleasure of visiting with church officials, and also included a tour of the welfare center while there.

Redwood City

Mrs. Richard Walkup Awarded First Prize In "Bake-off" Contest

Mrs. Richard E. Walkup of Redwood City was recently awarded the first prize in the "Bake-off" contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Redwood City. Her cake was called "Gem-Rummy Angel Cake." She plans to enter this cake soon in a national contest.

No. Calif. Mission Report for July, '54

A note in the Mission Bulletin states that one may secure 100 postcard-size gloss finished photos for $2.65 by sending a negative or photograph to The Photo Mill, 1511 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis 3, Minnesota. If photograph is sent, add 50c for making a negative. Missionaries use this service. Who's next?

292 Books of Mormon were sold, averaging approximately 4 per missionary and 16 for high man, and 152 loaned, or more than two on the average per missionary. Each missionary gave away approximately 80 tracts and disposed of eight other books. Average living costs were $67.97, some as low as $60.000 and some as high as $70.00.

Elder Le Roi B. Gardner Jr. (Barney) was released. Barney is son of former bishop of Berkeley First, Le Roi B. Gardner, and had to go into the armed services despite every effort of his parents and the church authorities to have him deferred until completion of his mission. He was a leading missionary while in the field.

The Mission Bulletin closes with "Chuckles" of which we quote a sample:

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SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

4 Sat Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Stake M Men-Gleaner Council.
11 Sat. Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Stake M Men-Gleaner Council.
17 Fri. Junior Gleaner "Sacred to Me" party 7:30 p.m.
Home of President and Mrs.Emery R. Ranker, Lafayette
25 Sat. Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

2 Sat. M. Men-Gleaner "Dear" to Me Party, (Time and Place to be announced.
9 Sat. Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Stake M Men-Gleaner Council.
10 Sun. ERA WEEK AND CAMPAIGN BEGINS - Entire Stake
15 Fri. Special Interest Party, (Time and Place to be announced.
22 Fri. Stake Road Show, (Place to be announced.) 8.00 p.m.
23 Sat. Stake Road Show, Berkeley Recreation Hall 8.00 p.m.
26 Tues. Ward Halloween Party - Most Wards
30 Sat. Young Peoples' Dance, Claremont Recreation Hall 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Stake M Men-Gleaner Council.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

2 Thurs. Stake Family, Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p.m.
17 Fri. Colored Movie - Lecture, "Ancient So. American Culture" 7:30 p.m.
18 Sat.High Priests' Quorum Metting, Berkeley Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
Stake General Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley 8.00 p.m.
20 Mon. Stake M. I. A. Leadership Meeting, Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

3-5 Semi-Annual General Conference, Salt Lake City 7:30 p.m.
7 Thurs. Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p.m.
16 Sat High Priests' Quorum Meeting, Berkeley Chapel 7:00 p.m.
Stake General Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel 8:00 p.m.
18 Mon Stake M. I. A. Leadership Meeting, Martinez Chapel 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Hill

Participation By All Urged By Bishop

By Dora Friedrich

Bishop's message — We have recently moved into the classroom section of our new chapel. This is a good time for each of us to evaluate our past church activity. We are anixous to have every member of our ward participate in the church program.

Resolve to attend meetings more regularly, to always be on time, to be more reverent in the Lord's House, and to be more willing to help with his work.

We invite your attendance and your participation. Come out to enjoy the first fruits of our labors in our chapel—Joseph Roy Hilton, bishop.

Happy Days!! MIA and Primary members had the first pleasure of meeting at the new chapel, and on September 5, everybody will meet there for the first time.

Following is the new time of meetings as announced by the bishopric: Sunday-priesthood meeting, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament meeting, 6 p.m. Tuesday—MIA, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday—Relief Society meeting, 10 a.m. Primary, 4:30 p.m.

An enchanted Hawaiian party for members of the choir and their husbands and wives was held at the home of Woody and Nellie Allred recently.

Choir: Recently released as choir director, Joanne Chalmers, was given a vote of thanks.

Evelyn Tueller, will assume the duties of choir director.

Thursday evening is set as a tentative practice time for the choir.

All ward members who like to sing are encouraged to attend and support this work.

Relief Society: There has been very good attendance during the summer work meetings; the Relief Society is now fully staffed. The talents of Susan Simons as organist have been acquired. Ione Buskirk has been released with a vote of thanks as literature leader; Bette Evans replaces her. Working with Lela in the presidency will be Geneve Scott, lesson counselor, and Neta Peacock, work counselor.

Circle September 29 on your calendar—the date for the opening Relief Society party.

Anyone have a shady patio to offer for the patio luncheon for R.S. Visiting Teachers which is being planned tentatively for September 23?

Good studies and good times to Diane Sumison, Nadine Fisher, Evelyn Smith, Loretta Cook, Keith Thompson, Lyle Jensen, Johnny Williams and Louis Friedrich, leaving soon for the Brigham Young University from our ward and also from Walnut Creek Ward.

Orinda Barbecue, White Elephant Sale Benefits Bldg. Fund

By Lillie B. Bargaehr

Pearl and George Hartzell were hosts to adult members of the branch at a steak barbecue in the garden of their home on Meadow Lane. Guests brought "white elephants" which were auctioned off for benefit of Orinda Branch's building site fund. A site suited to our growing needs is being sought.

Sister Coleen Holbrook was hostess at a luncheon to her primary class, the Co-Pilots, together with their mothers and the officers of the Primary Association of the branch. The parents of non-member children who attend our primary regularly were present.

President and Sister Thomas Stuart Ferguson and the Bruce Campbells flew to Los Angeles to attend the MIA Conference held in the Hollywood Bowl.

Federal Judge J. L. McCarrey, Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska, was a recent visitor in our branch, he being the guest of his sister, our organist Elva Hutchinson. Bro. McCarrey is in the branch presidency of Anchorage Branch.

The writer had occasion to be in Salt Lake recently and attended services in the Mexican Branch there.

We again beheld the beautiful life-size mural in that branch of Samuel the Lamanite, standing on the city wall at Zarahemla, at about 6 B.C. as he preached and prophecied of the birth of the Christ in the old world and the destruction to his brethen there in the promised land.

The Senior Fireside group, under the direction of William Powell, is faithfully meeting every other Sunday evening at the homes of Branch members.

The James Moriartys are spending a month in New York and the east. Daughter Pat Hall of Los Angeles, whose husband is now in Korea, is staying at the Moriarty home.

Sister Grace Stanton (and her grandchildren, Grace, Ann, Tommy and Karl Eggertsen) spent a week in Lassen National Park at Jackson Price's cabin, he being her brother and Bro. Price, brother of branch president in Redding, California.

The Primary Association will resume their activities the first Thursday at 4 p.m. following the opening of school. Sister Altha McManus, primary president, announces the first Wednesday in September at her home on Northwood drive.

S. DILWORTH YOUNG . . . of the First Council of Seventy attended Berkeley Stake Conference, Aug. 28-29, 1954; dedicated the Pittsburg chapel, Aug. 29.

THE MESSENGER was already on the press at the time of the Berkeley Stake Conference. It had a powerful missionary emphasis. More next month.

Elder Young was entertained by Pres. and Mrs. Wayne E. Mayhew. They have been warm friends since the day when both couples married on the same day in the Salt Lake Temple.

Berkeley Second Harvest Festival And Ward Bazaar

Berkeley Second Ward has announced its annual HARVEST FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR to benefit the welfare fund for Saturday, October 9, 1954 in the Berkeley chapel from early evening until 10 p.m. Dinner will be served for the family.

This event, always financially successful, will, as usual, emphasis fun and frolic, especially for the children. The heart of the festival will be in the recreation hall, while the Relief Society Bazaar occupies the lounge. These areas together with the classrooms, stage and patio will be filled with the customary attractions plus surprises to add variety.

Prices for dinner, refreshments, games, and children's events will be low and attractive with more than full value given at the sales of bakery goods, refreshments, nursery supplies, dry goods, and all things on sale.

For an enjoyable evening that comes but once a year children of all wards should bring their parents to the Berkeley Second Ward HARVEST FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR ON OCTOBER 9, 1954.

The Ray Blieds and Louis Alexanders Send Warm Greetings

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blied and the Louis Alexanders, formerly active in the Berkeley Ward but now living in the Southland, send hearty helloes to their many Bay area friends.

The editor of the Messenger was entertained royally in the home of the Ray Blieds during the MIA General Conference in Southern California Aug 4-8, and visited also with Brother and Sister Alexander.

All of them are happily busy wiith church duties in their respective wards, just as they were once active in Berkeley.

They stated that they still miss their old friends in the East Bay and hope to visit them and to receive visits in the near future.

Brother Blied first accepted the gospel in Berkeley and is especially appreciative of the patient kindnesses shown to him as a "raw" convert by Bishop Denzel Allen, who presided over Berkeley Ward at that time; and also A. D. Ericksen, who then taught the Gospel Doctrine class.

Martinez Ward

13 Girls, 6 MIA Heads Get Separate Awards

By Alva Mae Forsyth

In sacrament meeting August 1, thirteen girls and six MIA leaders received individual awards. The girls were Patsy Burgess, Shirley Cook, Jane Hughes, Linda Skidmore, Norma Williams, Joy Bradeen, Jean Cook, Merrilyn Evenson, Diane Miers, Joan Duke, Georgia Mosier, Sherril Perrins and Berma Polson. The officers and teachers were sisters Dorothy Cline, Bessie Duke, Lila Frease, Fern Mosier, Estella Seay and Ellen Welches. Two Junior Gleaner Girls, Sherril Perrins and Berma Polson, were especially honored for having attended all MIA, Sunday School, and sacrament meetings during the past year. Each was given a book by the Mutual presidency.

Bob Bohn is the new Jr. M-Men leader for Martinez. Bob and his wife Sally are returning to BYU this fall.

Martinez Ward was host to Rodeo and the two Richmond wards July 20 at a watermelon bust at the Martinez Municipal Park. A variety show and dancing followed. These same wards enjoyed a roller skating party in Richmond July 27.

Troop 188

Martinez Ward Scout Troop 188 returned from Camp Wolfboro on July 27, the only troop to receive all blue stripes for a clean camp every day.

Baptized and confirmed in the month of July were the Graves family, Edward Wayne, Clarence Edward, Thomas Wayne and Robert Leon; Kenneth Marshall Sorrick, and Paul Thomas Burgess. Roy Edgar Lee was ordained a deacon by Grant B. Shaw.

The August Primary preparation meeting, held at the home of President Rhoda Jennings, was followed by a social period honoring the coming blessed events of Neatta Yonts and Ruehl Cline. Both were presented with gifts from their co-workers.

Nona McInelly joined the primary staff this month as Bluebird teacher. Other changes include a new choral director, Berma Polson, formerly a beginner teacher; Muriel Swanson will take over as teacher in the beginner class in place of Berma. Jo Ann Cranshaw, Opal Facer and Ruth Henricksen were released recently as Primary teachers with a vote of thanks.

Sister Nelda Polson is out again after a recent illness. Sisters Afton Hipwell and Ruby Willert are recovering nicely after recent operations. Diane Meiers is home after a slight case of Polio.

Two of the smaller members of the ward, Mary Ellen Barney and Diane Bulleugh celebrated their respective birthdays by entertaining the ward small fry August 2 and 6.

In the Martinez Ward Chapel August 7, Don Robison introduced his new bride, the former Charlotte Jo Anne Smart of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, at a reception given in their honor by Don's parents, the Gorin Glen Robisons. The bride's mother, Mrs. William Alexander Smart, flew here for the occasion. After their wedding in Toronto, the young couple went immediately to Pacific Grove, where they have taken up residence while Don is stationed at Fort Ord.

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Richmond Ward

Last Call For Group Canning, Meats, Fruits, Vegetables

By Lucy P. Morley

Richmond Ward. Any member of the ward desiring to do group canning at the storehouse should contact Elder and Mrs. Earl Parsons immediately. Drop them a card to 1733 Brookside Drive, or telephone BEacon 4-4347. The canning of apricots and peaches has been completed, but pears, meat, tomatoes, beans, and other vegetables are to be canned the early part of September. Be sure to specify the quantity of each product desired. The canning of meat for the welfare program has been assigned to the Richmond Ward.

Mrs. M. H. Trottier and son Leonard are leaving September 6 for Hawaii on the Mormon Friendship Tour.

Elder and Mrs. Joseph Cross and family are visiting at Payson, Utah. We express to them our sympathy for the loss of their baby.

Members of the MIA recently enjoyed a watermelon bust at Martinez, and a roller skating party at Alvarado Park.

The Primary, under the direction of Lula Borkman, conducted the Sunday evening meeting August 1, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Bluebirds.

Elder and Mrs. Kenneth Gengler have just returned from a very interesting vacation in the East. They visited in Chicago, Niagara Falls, Palmyra, and the Hill Cumorah; New York City, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Boston, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C., returning via Texas.

Stake Sunday School Union meeting was held in the Richmond Ward chapel on August 22. The Richmond Ward Sunday School is making plans for a 100 percent attendance on September 12.

Mrs. Joseph E. Badger and children of Sebastopol were recent visitors of the Morleys.

The Deans, Russell Johnson and Val Ney have all enjoyed vacations out of the state. Hazel Brown and son Ray are visiting in Los Angeles.

The kitchen floor, the class rooms, and the halls in our chapel have taken on a new look recently. Brother Alton Olsen, together with Peter Gengler and Earl Parsons, has supervised the laying of "Floron," a covering resembling linoleum. We are sure it will help to keep the chapel in better condition.

The High Priests and their wives enjoyed an outing at Alvarado Park in July. Bishop Carman and Brother Mortenson barbecued the hamburgers. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dewsnup and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hopkins. Brothers Dewsnup and Hopkins are former Bishops of Richmond Ward.

Richmond

Gleaners, Jr. M Men Take Novel Excursion S. F. Reserve Bank

Nineteen Jr. Gleaners and Jr. M-Men of Richmond Ward enjoyed an excursion to the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco Tuesday, August 17. Acting as guides in charge, Phil Lewis, Elizabeth GGengler, and Val Nye transported the group in a two-hour tour of the great bank.

Here they saw hundreds of millions of dollars in paper money stored in huge vaults, and at least $1,000,000 in gold bricks held in reserve for the Philippine government. The bank serves most banks in the Western States.

Vaults with doors three to four feet thick, doors which cannot be opened until three separate locks are turned by three separate men, each of whom knows only the combination of his own lock.

Seen also were paper money sorting and counting machines, check sorting and adding machines. The boys and girls saw counterfeit money and were shown how it may be detected. They learned that there is no possibility of boring thru the floor from beneath because a conduit brings sea water into a huge underground below sea-level excavation below the bank.

The boys and girls on the excursion were:

Lorese Thomson, Bob Brown, Billie Carman, Gracie Scott, Beth Ewing, Bob Babble, Bill Babble, George Stanley, Donald Stanley, Larry Buckley, Gladys Lewis, Sylvia Holland, Sharon Evens, Jimmy Brown. The Leaders were: Phil Lewis, Dorthea Tindall, Elizabeth Gengler and Van Ney.

Berkeley First

The Charles Taylors At Coronado Confab And Salt Lake City

The Charles Taylors spent a week at Coronado, in August, with a large happy group of insurance people. Afterwards Charles and Emma drove to Salt Lake City and brought back the two children of Joyce to care for them while Joyce and Brother Thomson, her husband, enjoy a vacation in the parks.

Mrs. Drusella Stout has gone by air and auto several times recently to Provo to see her mother, Mrs. Susie Madsen, 84, who is seriously ill.

Burton and Mary Reese and daughter Pat spent three weeks traveling in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming and visiting their relatives and friends, as well as Yellowstone National Park.

Ed Barrett underwent minor surgery recently, but didn't have to miss Sunday services. The Ed Coxes took Florence Nielsen, Alice Mae Allen, and son Mark and Rachel Ball, to visit the Dale Nielsens and the Russell Balls Sunday, August 21, in Livermore. They attended evening services there.

The Andy Gardners have purchased a home in Livermore, since there is a possibility that he will accept an appointment at the atomic plant there. The Berkeley home will soon be on the market.

The Ed Carsons and the Jay Wrights are spending a couple of weeks at Lake Tahoe.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Lyman of Berkeley also spent time at the lodge recently.

LaVon Johnson was in Holliday, Utah, August 3, at the annual party which Taylor Brockbank, her father, puts on for his many former pupils and teachers. Over 100 were present for reminiscing and renewal of friendship. A Brockbank family reunion was also held in Liberty Park, July 31.

J. Ed Johnson was called to the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Edna Smith of Riverdale, near Ogden. She leaves a family of 13 living children.

THE CHAPEL

The Berkeley chapel is being renovated! A look-see shows a new carpet, wall to wall on the floor of the Jr. Sunday school room, and a wall-ceiling cleaning plus a re-varnishing job in the recreation room. Thanks to many volunteer helpers.

ELDERS FIRESIDES

Ward Forman, chairman of the Elder's Firesides, announces a fortnightly Fireside Sunday in the Lounge after services, with refreshments. A series, planned for the fall months, calls for new book reviews, little-known church history epochs, and other unique programs.

Want Campbell's Cream Chicken Soup? Welfare Has It

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Orders may be placed with the bishops or the appointed high priests in the wards. The soup will be available at the Welfare Center in El Cerrito, Saturdays, from 10 to 2 in the high priest's flour mill room in the rear building. Whole wheat flour and cracked cereal wheat is also available.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Nola Sullivan Made Primary Counselor; Six Workers Released

By Verna Mayfield

Walnut Creek Ward's organization personnel and meeting places have changed. In the presidency of the Primary, Nola Sullivan was sustained as counselor to president Oral Burrows. Reta Burnham, Dorthea Marker, Marjean Williams, Cora Tveter, Laura Newey, and Ruth Brown have been released to accept positions on the stake board of organizations, or other duties at this time.

The Primary gave the program Sunday, August 1, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Home Builders. Talks and musical portions were given by the Home Builders of the Primary. Awards were given in honor of those who had worked for a number of years in the Primary.

Several of the priesthood Quorums have organized Sunday evening firesides, in order to study and have a better knowledge of the church doctrine. One such organization is the senior Aaronic group, which meets on the third Sunday evening. This group will take up the study of the Book of Mormon, with Brother and Sister Fjellstrom as instructors. Recently they enjoyed slides on the Book of Mormon and talks by the full-time missionaries in this district.

During the past three months the Relief Society has been meeting on special summer work days. These work days have been utilized by the women of the Ward to work on the various articles which they have made to sell at their annual bazaar in October. Also, lessons have been given. Luncheon was served and a baby sitter provided, thus giving the mothers a chance to enjoy one day a month during the summer time.

East Richmond

Deacons Xmas Card Sale Now Progressing

By Elaine Wightman

Doris June and Reed Harker have a new baby girl, born July 3 and named Janice.

Leala Esperson has had a recent operation and is recovering. Bishop Esperson and family spent a week's vacation in Salt Lake City in August.

We are sorry to know that Elder and Sister Marshall's baby, Benjamin, 7 months old, died August 9. He is survived by two sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Frances Manning died August 13, leaving a husband and six little children.

Two more ward boys have gone into the service of our country, Tony Givonni and Harry Shores.

Sister Nablene Echils and children vacationed at Clear Lake, as did the Chinn family, and Elmer and Eva Hakansen.

Our Primary has had a two-week vacation.

The Deacon's quorum is selling Christmas cards. Proceeds will go towards our building fund.

We welcome Elder and Sister Baker, Connie Hatch, recent converts, to our church and ward.

Evelyn and Ray Waffinden are proud parents of a new son. All three of their children have been born on a Friday, the 13th, one of the Lord's good days.

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Claremont Ward

MIA & SS Re-manned Ready for Fall Season

By Kay Raynor

With a vote of thanks, the officers of the MIA were released last month. It is expected that an excellent year will be presented under the guidance of George Badouin, Eric Raynor, and Oren Yorgensen for the young men, and Ella Krabbe, Merle Watts, and Marcelle Karpus for the young women.

Also recently reorganized was the Sunday school superintendancy The hard work given by the previous officers is greatly appreciated. Bob Reiche is now superintendent, with Earl Remington and Lhomond Jones as counselors.

The Improvement Era drive is scheduled for the latter part of the month. It is hoped that all auxiliary organizations will cooperate to the utmost in making this season's drive one hundred per cent successful. The ultimate goal is an Era in every home. Please help make that goal a reality.

The Relief Society is having an apron shower September 14. These aprons are being made by the members of the ward and will be sold at the October bazaar.

At the August fast meeting the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hummel were blessed. They were Shawn Lee and Lindsay Ann. Jean Hummel is a former member of our ward. Her mother, Ella Krabbe, is the proud grandmother.

Also at that meeting, two new members were confirmed into the Church. We extend a welcome hand to Fred Setzer and Walter Newman Carey.

The Jay Browns took a motor trip to Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. They visited the Mesa Temple and saw the Los Angeles Temple partly completed.

Rodeo Ward

Rodeo Vacationers Enjoy Outings

By Una Ellsworth

Una Ellsworth, Rodeo Ward reporter, is one of the vacationers on the Mormon Friendship Tour to Honolulu. She is planning to spend two weeks in the Hawaiian archipelago.

Elsie and ~~Leonard Smith~~, who own and operate the Ellcee Upholstry and gift shop on Second street, motored east and spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends in Nebraska. Local relatives accompanied them.

Their son, Dayton Smith, of the Air force, now stationed at an air base in Nebraska spent one Sunday in August visiting his parents.

The El Sobrante Primary was reorganized in August.

Melda Walker was released and Cloie Stewart is the new president. Meetings are held in the Improvement Club, El Sobrante, on Thursday evenings.

Miss Dorothy Wanlass, daughter of Ruel and Geneva Wanlass, and Miss Doris Lott, daughter of Gayle and Rosa Lott, have returned to their duties at BYU.

Jon and Jay Fitt, twin sons of Bishop T. Cleon and Hope Fitt, Tormey, enrolled this month at BYU.

The Robert Kerseys with their two young sons, Robert Jr. and Johnny Kersey, vacationed for two weeks with relatives and friends in Idaho.

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Berkeley Second

Lt. Brinton Called To Supervise Army Work in Germany

Word has just been received that Lt. J. Robert Brinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Brinton of the Berkeley Second Ward has been called to Germany to supervise an Ordnance Repair Shop. His wife, Diane and baby are expected to join him.

Robert started in Officers Candidate School with a class of 175; only 55 of which were graduated and he was chosen one of the six honor students graduated, in May. Since his graduation he has been stationed at Aberdeen, Maryland, attending ordnance school. Their little daughter, Marilyn was born June 24th.

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The BYU announces the addition to its faculty of Dr. Hyrum J. Babcock, who was granted a Ph. D. degree from the University of California this spring. His standing to begin with is listed as assistant professor in elementary education. For several years Elder Babcock has been teaching general science at the Willard Junior high school in Berkeley while completing the doctorate degree requirements. He and Sister Babcock are very active and helpful in church work in our ward.

A very beautiful wedding reception at the St. Helena country home of Dr. Grant and Mrs. Ellis was held Saturday, Aug. 28, in honor of the nuptials of their daughter, Mary Ann and Norris Finlayson.

Berkeley 2nd Ward Harvest Festival Announced for Oct. 9

Saturday, October 9, is the date set for the Berkeley 2nd Ward Harvest Festival. The plans for the festival promise bigger and better things than ever.

Home baked pies and cakes, white elephants, etc., will be at the 1954 festival. Dinner will be served in the patio; and the Relief Society will have many articles on sale in the lounge.

If you have a white elephant; if you wish to contribute to any booth; or if you want to have a lot of fun helping in a booth, call Bill Cain, La. 6-3177, or Gene Jacobs, La. 5-7587. Let's make this the biggest Harvest Festival. Remember the proceeds are needed to meet our Welfare Budget.

MIA plans a program and party for the first Tuesday of September, the 7th and the annual ROAD SHOW, Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2. The party for the first meeting on September 7 will be the responsibility of the Junior Men and the Junior Gleaner Girls. They are planning a program and a dance with refershments afterwards. The Road Show committee is conducting a contest to get new ideas. If you have any good ideas or want to know the winner of the contest, call Bro. Kuhre, La. 6-5834, or Sister Sabine, Ash. 3-1819.

The Primary Association starts Thursday, September 16, at 4 p.m. A luncheon honoring Sister Lucille Babcock, who is moving to Provo, Utah, was given at Lettie Hale's home, Tuesday August 14. Pres. Margaret Owens needs more teachers to staff the Primary. If you can help, please call Sister Owens, La. 5-0299.

The Relief Society officers urge everyone who can give any time at all to help with the Welfare Canning. The canning dates are given at Sunday School and at sacrament meeting. Listen for the dates, and save so many phone calls to get enough people out.

Newcomers: Let us look for and welcome these new people: Howard and Mildred Stutz who just moved here from Provo, Utah, and Mark and Charlotte Nilson from Oakland 3rd Ward; Betty Eyges from Amarillo, Texas.

Dr. Sperry's Views On Book of Mormon Given in Hayward

(Notes taken July 12-14)

Dr. Sperry expressed a strong conviction that only one Hill Cumorah ever existed and that the last great battle between the Nephites and Lamanites was fought around the Hill Cumorah in present upper New York state.

"The Nephites were really a minority group among what are known as the Nephite nation," declared Professor Sperry. After King Mosiah the Elder led the people of Nephi from the land of Lehi-Nephi (where the Lamanites had become too numerous and warlike) to the great city of the Mulekites, Zarahemla, about 130 B.C., the Mulekites outnumbered the descendants of Nephi, Jacob, and Zoram (collectively known as Nephites) but they fused with the Nephites and became part of that political unit.

INDIANS REALLY NEPHITES

"The American Indians today are really more Nephite than Lamanite," said lecturer Sperry. He offered the opinion that the true Lamanites (and Lemuelites) were practically all destroyed during the three days of darkness and destruction prior to the Savior's visit to the Nephites at Zarahemla. Hence in the third century A.D., when the people of Nephi began to again fall into wickedness, some dissented and took upon themselves the name "Lamanites" as a national designation, but they really were chiefly Nephites. From them the American Indians of our day are descended.

MOST DRAMATIC CHAPTER

The most dramatic and soul-stirring chapter in the Book of Mormon is the 11th chapter of Third Nephi.

Oakland, the Mother Branch in California

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Pres. Maeser thought the saints should meet in a more suitable place, and he rented a small church near 11th and Market Streets, and meetings were held there starting May 1st, 1894.

Karl G. Maeser Appreciated

My father writes that his association with Bro. Maeser during the time he was mission president was one of the greatest blessings of his life. Bro. Maeser taught him many great truths. My father writes of Bro. Maeser: "I don't know if I ever had a more rich feast of spiritual schooling than I got from Bro. Maeser. His explanation of various subjects and principles of the gospel were wonderfullycomplete and plain. I learned a great many points and principles from him. He also was our Sunday school teacher." He also instructed my father to keep faithful records of all meetings. By now he was both branch clerk and secretary of the Sunday school. He did keep a full and complete recordof all meetings while he held these offices, and they are now available at church headquarters in Salt Lake City. It was a spiritual feast for my father to be associated with this great and humble man; all of the saints regretted his leaving in August, 1894. My father states that Bro. Maeser left the California Mission with sadness; some of it was due to the fact that not one convert was made during his presidency, and he stated he was going to advise the Authorities in Salt Lake City to close up the mission, and most of the missionaries were released.

After Bro. Maeser's release Pres. Henry G. Tanner was appointed mission president, and in December, 1894, the first convert was made in San Francisco after two and one-half years of missionary work. Later in 1894 meetings were again moved to a KP Hall on Market St., where the J. C. Penney store now stands, at 5th and Market.

Some of the missionaries sent from Salt Lake City during 1892-1895 are: H. B. Williams, A. G. Keller, Geo Maycock, J. R. Cummings, Henry Peterson, Jos. R. Shephard, later president of the Logan Temple; Willard Scowcroft and German E. Ellsworth (who became president of the Northern States Mission and later of the Northern California Mission) and an Elder Pickett.

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Personal Thoughts

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afternoon meeting in the large auditorium of the East Los Angeles Jr. College. Again President McKay spoke and great music was heard.

The many department meetings were very efficiently conducted by the various general board members—42 being at the conference for this purpose.

The greatest entertainment at the conference, we felt, was the music festival in Hollywood Bowl. The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir of 375 voices was out-numbered more than three times! The audience of 20,000 was more than double the largest possible attendance at the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

DANCE FESTIVAL SPECTACULAR

The dance festival of more than 4200 young people in pretty garb and all moving in unison was the most spectacular event. The drama festival was truly delightful entertainment. The one-act play featured Joseph and Hyrum Smith at Montrose Crossing, a moment of tragic decision indeed. It was a strong, able, and realistic presentation.

Being in Pasadena, we were able to take time out of our busy MIA Conference schedule to visit the city's two nationally famous institutions: the Pasadena Institute of Technology, and the Huntington Museum of Art, and Library. The latter is actually in San Marino but it adjoins Pasadena.

Huntington Art Museum

Imagine the thrill felt as we stood before the large original Gainsborough's "Blueboy"! In all, we saw eleven Gainsborough original oils, twelve by Sir Joshua Reynold, eleven by Romney and seven by Lawrence. There are seven principal galleries and 15 smaller ones, 400 objects of art and about 65 paintings besides exquisite tapestries, furniture, rugs, porcelains, clocks, and miniatures, all collected at a cost of many millions by Henry E. Huntington between 1910 and 1927.

Indeed, here "one looks at the handiwork of genius, contemplates generations past or stands before paintings long held from public view with mingley feelings of humility and reverence."

Huntington Library Visited

We entered the large library, most of which is not opened to the public, but available only by appointment for serious research study. Over 125,000 volumes and hundreds of thousands of precious documents are here—mostly rare works not otherwise to be consulted anywhere. Here, we learned, are precious early Mormon documents. Some day we hope to learn more as to what is available there.

No books or documents may be borrowed or withdrawn, and none consulted except under most careful direction and supervision.

Object, we learned, of this wondrous library and museum on its 209 acres site is "the advancement of learning, the arts and the sciences . . . and its purpose is to provide the means for encouraging and carrying on the above mentioned work within the state of California." We were part of the more than 500 who visit these grounds daily. Everything is carefully watched and locked; we accosted uniformed guards at every turn—scores of them within every building. We want to go again soon!

Pasadena Institute of Technology

The Pasadena Institute of Technology was closed, because we arrived there on Saturday. There the famous 200-inch telescope lens was given its ultra-precise grinding before going to Palomar. There Dr. Millikin and others did their great scientific work, now carried on by other great scholars. It is an institute of serious learning. Only the selected, relative few ever enter. We met Dr. Austin, a graduate and now in large affairs in Los Angeles engineering work, whose ancestors are noted for sugar factory and church work in Utah and Idaho. We have a representative group of LDS men enrolled at the Institute, and Dr. Byron Done conducts institute classes with them.

In Los Angeles? We had, and determined to visit there at the first opportunity. It is similar to usual Good Will Industries. They receive cast-off furniture, clothing, shoes, and what-have-you; recondition these things, and sell them in a large store to the general public. Thus employment is provided for many unemployed saints.

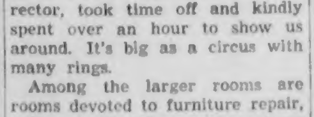
Deseret Industries

We found Deseret Industries to be a huge operation in a mammoth building covering an entire block a few squares from Sears' big store. Elder Stephen Bennett, director, took time off and kindly spent over an hour to show us around. It's big as a circus with many rings.

Among the larger rooms are rooms devoted to furniture repair, with a small enclosure where spray painting is carried on; the quilting room with its great quilt block cutting machine; the sewing department, where clothing is reconditioned, the pressing department, where dresses are steam pressed without an iron touching them; the laundry department with great equipment; appliance department, and many others.

Finally, we were shown the very large retail store where all the renovated and repaired things are on display as in a modern department store. Also the "As is" store in another part of the building, where people may purchase very cheap, good articles that are usable without repair.

The reason for this department ils to do away with the sale of LDS garments commercially.



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Petaluma Branch

Aaronic Priesthood Planning Parties

The Aaronic Priesthood in Petaluma really seems to enjoy doing things TOGETHER. They are planning another outing at Samuel Taylor Park in the redwoods. I can just smell those steaks sizzling on the campfire.

Sacrament meeting August 29th was devoted to a program given by the Primary children—the 25th anniversary of the Home Builders program. Before school starts again the Primary Association is going to squeeze in another picnic.

Pres. and Sister Thomas Gardner of the Northern California Mission, their daughter Marian, and her husband, Stan Benson; Dr. Irving Cohen, and Dr. and Mrs. Carl Brockbank were guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Brockbank Sunday, August 8th.

August 1 was an important day for Alice Elphick and Roy Curtis. Bishop Jameison united them in marriage. Then then spent two weeks honeymooning in Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park, and visited her parents in Rigby, Idaho. He is employed at Caulfield's Meat Market, and she will be teaching at Wilson School.

Closing Thought: "A strong testimony in the heart of a prayerful teacher will strengthen and nourish the same in the heart of a child." "The highest function of the teacher consists not so much in imparting knowledge as in stimulating the pupil in its love and pursuit."

—Virginia Terribilini

Fort Bragg

Pres. Ray Fransen Looses Counselors Because of Moving

By Fern Mosier

Branch President Ray Fransen is minus his two counselors. Counselor Leslie Dunn Jr., his wife, Marian, and four children left June 28, for an Utah vacation, after which they will reside in Auburn, California, where Les will be assistant coach at the Jr. College. He has been coach at the Fort Bragg High School. Second Counselor, Robert Andrews, his wife, Alice, and three children have moved to Los Angeles, where he is attending summer school. Bob taught math and Alice taught home economics and girls gym at Mendocino High.

Brother Orville Fritz and two ville.

The Mosier family from Martinez Ward, Berkeley Stake, returned to Fort Bragg, June 27, after nearly thirteen years absence. They were baptized at Fort Bragg in1941, where they attended the first missionary Sunday School. They are well represented in the Sunday School at the present. George is teaching the adult class, Fern, the teen-age class; and Georgia the younger children's class.

July 18, Brother Keller of the high council, Santa Rosa Stake, wife and two children, visited Fort Bragg branch. Brother Keller's message: "Depend on our Father in heaven for guidance in our daily living for as soon as we become puffed up with our own importance we are as nothing."

July 25, Our visitors were high councillor Rex Bridges, Thomas Byrne of the stake presidency, his wife, and his mother, Sister sage: Be diligent in our wards and branches; we need to keep on our toes to live righteously." Brother Byrne's message: "Even tho we pay tithes and offerings yet do not obey; but live rebelliously and stubbornly, we are not fulfilling the law."

Released with a vote of thanks were Leo Dunn, Sunday school superintendent, and Clarence Gass, ward clerk.

Brother Byrne set apart George Mosier as ward clerk and also Sunday school superintendent.

Brother David Cox, his wife, Helen, and four children are attending the Fort Bragg branch for the summer, while residing and working in Comptche. They are from San Bernadino Stake.

Aug. 8, Brother and Sister Frease, visiting the Mosier family, were guest speakers from Martinez Ward, Berkeley Stake.

Sis. Frease, Martinez Ward YWMIA president, presented Georgia and Fern Mosier with Individual Awards earned while in Martinez Ward.

Aug 15, our speaker from the high council was Ronald Cheney, the Stake MIA Advisor who was preceeded by his wife, Naomi, Stake drama director. They also attended evening fireside at the Wonacott residence, having spent a weekend outing here.

Betty Ison has returned from summer school in Utah followed by a visit with relatives in Los Angeles.

Brother Hanks of Palo Alto stake baptized Brother Cal Berry and his wife, Caroline. Ed Berry of Sacramento confirmed his father, and Sister Berry was confirmed by Brother Hanks.

Santa Rosa Stake EXTRA!

The combined group of M-Men, Gleaners, Jr. M-Men, and Jr. Gleaners of Santa Rosa Stake, under the direction of Norlyn Snow Piquet, and Cullen Peterson, enjoyed one of the most outstanding activities of the summer——a **real hay ride.**

More than 100 young people had been eagerly looking forward and making plans to meet in Santa Rosa at 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 27. After the preliminaries of seeing who's who, and having a word of prayer, each car was supplied with a map——destination Guernewood Park. The caravan of 15 to 20 cars was led by Fred and Cullen Peterson. Leaders from the various wards were spaced throughout the caravan in order to see that there is no loitering along the 25-mile scenic sojourn.

Having arrived safely at Guernewood Park, the group was met by Mr. Elmer Hannon and his genuine hay rack (complete with music) and drawn by four horses. After an hour-long trip winding through the giant redwoods, they stopped for refreshments at Armstrong Grove. Sister Maude Briscoe then lead the group in community singing around the huge bonfire.

Boarding the Hannon's hay rack again, the happy young people wended their way homeward. **A perfect evening to complete a delightful summer vacation.**

Very Sincerely,
Norlyn Snow Piquet
Santa Rosa Stake Gleaner Leader

Santa Rosa Ward

Wedding Festivities For Wayne Griffiths Draw Friends, Others

By Gwen Griffiths

Recent visitors to our ward were Shirley and Joyce Knowles from Idaho. They came to attend wedding festivities of their nephew, R. Wayne Griffiths, home on leave from his ship, U.S.S. Wasp. He was married July 28 in the Idaho Falls Temple to Francine MacFarland.

Elma Lee Elderkin has invited everyone to open house on the opening of her studio of music, in which she is well qualified as a teacher and hopes to enroll a large class of music students. The date will be announced later, as Sister Elderkin has sustained an injury to her foot and has her limb in a cast for a few weeks.

The Genealogy Committee, under the direction of chairman Floyd Griffiths, will hold a very interesting meeting Sept. 5 in the chapel, with 45 minutes of pictures. Don't miss this informative and interesting meeting.

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Vallejo First Ward

Bishopric Appreciate, Call Continued Help On New Chapel

By LaRue A. Powell

Bishop's Message

May we as a bishopric take this opportunity to thank the members of the ward who have come out and worked so hard on the construction of our chapel building. The foundation is in and we have progressed to the point where we would like to have more help. Our thanks to the women of the two wards for the delicious lunches they have been serving on Saturdays. They save time for the workers. May God bless us in our endeavors to finish our building in this part of Zion, is our humble desire and prayer.

—Bishop Carl E. Kincaid, Philip S. Ferrin, Blaine Christensen.

Melvin and Nadia Hill, (still newlyweds) are doing excellent work in their stake missionary positions.

New, five-year appointed missionaries are Lorna and Edgar J. Tittensor and Robert Collett.

The contributions of the full-time missionaries, Elder and Sister Morris and Elder and Sister Nielsen, is one that cannot be surpassed.

Babies blessed at services August 1 were James Harry Hunt IV, son of the James H. Hunts III (formerly Marion Hart); Mathew James Fraser, son of the Gene Frasers; Scott Hollin Johnson, son of the Gordon S. Johnsons. Two little sisters, Rose Mary Purdy and Roberta Edith Purdy were also blessed. Their mother, Beatrice Purdy, was confirmed a member of the Church. Other confirmations were William Eugene Fraser and Betty Ann Boyd.

One of the late summer social functions will be a dance September 3, sponsored by the MIA. All wards of the Stake are invited to attend this informal activity.

The Optometrist's Work and Training

Dear Mr. Editor:

In answer to your request for a letter about optometry, may I give an explanation of an optometrist's work and a definition of optometry.

Optometrists specialize in the examination of the eyes and in the correction and improvement of vision. They are trained to detect and recognize diseases in the eye, and whenever found they refer the patient for other professional care. They make visual analyses and administer tests for the determination of visual efficiency at all distances. They prescribe lenses and visual training, when needed, to give the best possible efficiency.

Optometry is not only interested in fitting lenses for the improvement of vision; it is interested in increasing a person's ability to use his eyes. Visual skills can be tested and thru visual training people can improve their visual efficiency.

We all actually learn to use our eyes as we learned to use other parts of the body. With training we can improve our running or swimming ability, so also is it possible to teach people to make better use of their vision.

With visual training an optometrist can increase a person's ability to read, give a greater appreciation of depth, and perfect skills requiring keen eyesight. They can retard nearsightedness (myopia) and correct crossed eyes without the use of operation, in most cases.

Optometry is the only profession for which the law requires its members to spend five or six years in school training to specialize in handling visual needs of the people. They must also pass a rigid state board examination to see if they are qualified to practice optometry.

I will be glad to give you any further information, and thank you for the opportunity to tell you something of my profession.

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Bay Area Sunday Schools In Big Drive To Up Attendance Sabbath Mornings Beginning In September and October

The John A. Widtsoe Mem. Scholarship Foundation Set Up

JOHN A. WIDTSOE

A group of local alumni of the three chief Utah institutions of higher education met Thursday, August 19, at the LDS Institute of Religion in Berkeley to confer with J. Wyley Sessions, executive secretary of the John A. Widtsoe Memorial Scholarship Foundation for Scholarship and Research.

Present were W. Glenn Harmon, Richard W. Owens, Lee Kenner, and Isaac B. Ball. Brother Harmon has been named area chairman for the six stakes of the S. F. Bay-region.

Dr. Milton R. Hunter is chairman of the board of trustees of the legally organized foundation. Other trustees are Harold R. Smith, Marion D. Hanks, J. Wyley Sessions, Dr. A. Ray Olphin, Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, Dr. John L. Clarke, Dr. Joel Ricks, and Richard W. Clayton.

Purpose of the get-together was to canvass the objectives, progress, present status and future plans of the foundation.

MEMORIAL FUND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Memorial Foundation is to perpetuate the ideals of John A. Widtsoe through establishing annual scholarships for outstanding Latter-day Saint students in universities of their choice.

To this end invitations are to be extended to all admirers of Dr. Widtsoe to contribute as they may wish from year to year towards a permanent endowment fund, the interest of which will be used to assist worthy LDS youth to progress in scholarship and research.

It was pointed out that every dollar contributed will go into this permanent fund and for no other purpose. The response in the first year of the foundation has been surprizing. It affords an agency where one may satisfy his or her desire to do something tangible to advance scholarship and research among worthy young people of the Church and at the same time do honor to a loved educator and apostle of Jesus Christ.

Joint Stake Meet Oakland, Berkeley Hear Bd. Members

By Mildred Fontano

A joint Oakland and Berkeley Relief Society Convention was held in Oakland chapel August 14, Oakland being hostess to the convention. Northern California Mission Relief Society was also invited and seven women came under the direction of Amelia Gardner,. their president.

Aleine Young and Anna B. Hart were the visiting representatives from the general board. They honored both stakes because of high achievement in subscriptions to the Relief Society Magazine: Oakland Stake, 672 or 104% in twelve wards; Berkeley Stake, 482 subscriptions or 86% in 11 wards.

Brother Angus Norbert represented Pres. Delbert F. Wright and gave words of encouragement.

Three members of the priesthood were in attendance from each stake, including Pres. W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley.

A group of singing mothers from San Lorenzo sang two numbers under the able direction of Sister L. Madsen.

NOE HAWAIIAN TOUR GIVEN WORD OF PRAISE BY ONE WHO WAS THERE

We have received this letter with a request for publication:

"In a recent 'Messenger,' Mr. and Mrs. Noe of El Cerrito announced they were planning a Temple Excursion to the Hawaiian Islands, to take place in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to thoroughly see the Islands. This will be the 3rd annual 'Noe' Tour, and the price, which covers so much, is most reasonable.

"You will find Milton and Rita Noe to be the most efficient and congenial supervisors you have ever met. You will enjoy every care free moment, for you will not have any responsibilities that you usually encounter in a tour. The Noe's do all the planning and have all the worries. I took this tour in October, 1953, and I can honestly say I never enjoyed anything more—the beautiful Islands.

"The most courteous treatment from everyone we met, the wonderful sessions in the beautiful Temple, and the different tours we took in comfortable limousines with expert guides as drivers, is one you will never forget. You can obtain itinerary of the trip from Milton E. Noe, of 236 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito, California, or phone him at LA. 5-7602. By the way, these "gracious" hosts did not know I was writing this article. Success to them.

(Signed) Minnie F. Ellsworth

The Sunday School Stake Board members are all working hard to attain the attendance goal that has been set for the 1955 6-stake Convention. Some stakes have an average of about 35% of our LDS population in attendance at Sunday School. By the time of the convention it is hoped to reach a goal of 45% or more.

As the tentative plans stand, the convention will be held in November or December at four chapels in the East Bay Area. The ward and stake Sunday School officers and teachers of five or six stakes will participate. The convention will be under the direction of approximately seventeen members of the General Board from Salt Lake and will be held on a departmental basis.

In order to have the statistics for our goal cleared by convention time, it will be necessary to register the increase by October. All Stake Boards would like to urge everyone to attend Sunday School regularly in the next two months, especially, so that we can reach our goal. We are sure that all who come and partake of the rich gifts offered by our Sunday Schools will be greatly rewarded.

SPECIAL SEPT. SUNDAYS

In the month of September we have two special Sundays. September 12th is "100% Sunday." This is the Sunday each year when the wards make a special drive to have every member of the ward in attendance at Sunday School or accounted for with a legitimate excuse.

September 19th has been set aside as the day for the collection of the Sunday School Budget Fund. Due to the increased cost of living, each ward member will be asked to contribute fifteen cents in place of the dime collected previously. Ten cents for each ward member is to be sent to the stake superintendency, of which 80% is to be sent to the General Board. The other five cents is for ward Sunday School use. The money received by the stake and general boards is used to improve the church Sunday Schools, so the wards really benefit from the entire amount. We hope that all will give generously so that we might improve the Sunday Schools in our stake and thus further God's work in this part of the vineyard.

Beneficial Agency Representatives At Coronado Conclave

The following members of the Oakland Agency of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company and their wives attended a company convention held at Coronado, California July 27th to 30th.

Lee T. Balton, Harold J. Hickenlooper, C.L.U., James C. Nackos, Lyman R. Parker, Don C. Wood, C. L. U., and Charles J. Taylor, C.L.U., general agent. The purpose of the convention was to present the latest developments in life insurance techniques and sales service provided by the company.

Mrs. Lyman R. Parker, Lee T. Dalton, Harold J. Hickenlooper, C.L.U., James C. Nakos, Don C. Wood, C.L.U., and Charles J. Taylor, C.L.U., were featured speakers at the convention, demonstrating successful ways of marketing life insurance.

Over 160 people were in attendance at the convention, including representatives from California, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Washington and Arizona.

Singing Mothers of Berkeley Stake At Stake Conference

—Pyle Photography

The Singing Mothers of Berkeley Stake as they appeared when rendering music for the May 1954 Berkeley Stake quarterly conference. Mildred Gibbs, Stake chorister and leader of the group stands on the left, first row, next to organist Grace Boyack who stands on the extreme left, while Grace Summerhays, pianist, stands at the extreme right, first row.

Members of the chorus who sang at the May Conference are:

Berkeley I and II Ward: Grace Summerhays, Ada Lindblad, Anne Sorensen, Kathryn Baer, Thelma Merrill, Elaine Evans, Sally Olson, La Von Johnson, Grace Boyack, Marguerite Noy, Ruth Zupann, Ada Umberger, Alice Mae Allen, Anne Lea Spenser, Wanda Chase, Helga Evans, Enid Young, Francis Dubinsky, Gail Larson, Adele Duncan, Ruth Wescott, Myrtle Gardner, Nancy Folger, Eva Perry.

Claremont Ward: Anita Hancock, Annette Wood, Marjorie W. Remington, Lily Blackburn, Harriet Hyer.

Concord Ward: Iris Creer, Nora Hicks, Lorraine Reinoldson, Donna Lindford.

Martinez Ward: Nelda Poulsen, Estelle Seay, Bertha Facer, Ida Perrins, Patricia Puchett, Edna Korth, Florence Robison.

Pittsburg Ward: Thora Astle, Bea Smashy, Vernell Carr, Delores Hayes, Gloria Magleby, Margaret Furnell, Reva McFarland, Edith Wyler, Mildred Gibbs.

Rodeo Ward: Ruth Horn.

Pleasant Hills Ward: Wanda Hilton, Joanne Chalmers, Evelyn Tueller, Maurine Perone, Betty Evans, Gwen Wells, Mona McClurg, Sally Gleason.

Walnut Creek Ward: Maxine Pickett, Jean Lauridsen, Shirley Cherrington, Elaine Jensen, Alice Everett, Francelle Larson, Blanche Cherrington, Connie Bobo, Jo Monaco, Leona Dahlin, Rheta Burnham, Kathryn Weeks, Dorthea Marker, Oral Burrows, Grace Clark, Donna Curtis.

USAC Aggies Meet San Jose State In Football Game

The Utah Aggies are coming again to San Jose for the usual football hassel, Saturday, September 18. Pres. Henry Aldous Dixon will be on hand for the game and for the alumni festivities get-together on the evening of the game.

The Utah State alumni association are calling on all former Aggies and their friends to join in the fun, eats, and football game on that happy occasion.

It is announced that a special Aggie section of seats will be reserved and that tickets are available from Elmo Smith, 3724 Southwood, San Mateo or Neil Holbrook, 89 Loma Vista Drive, Orinda.

LeRoy A. Blaser, alumni secretary in Logan concludes, "Let's all reserve Sept. 18 to come to San Jose and meet your friends and enjoy the good Aggie spirit.

Stanislaus Officials Recognize LDS First Inner Valley Farmers

We quote from a Stanislaus County Centennial Year Souvenir Foulder 1954:

"According to historians, a group of about 60 Mormons were the first white men to actually farm land, irrigate it, and grow wheat in this area. They had come around Cape Horn in the sailing ship Brooklyn under the leadership of a Samuel Brannan with instructions to take possession of land and grow wheat.

"This hardy group of pioneers brought with them flour mills, seed and all necessary equipment to staking out their claim on the south bank of the Stanislaus River approximately 1½ miles above its junction with the San Joaquin River, and in the spring of 1847 they promptly planted about 80 acres of wheat and named their village, "New Hope."

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Richard W. Owens Made High Executive In State Farm Bureau

Richard W. Owens

Richard W. Owens, of the Berkeley Second ward and a native of Logan, Utah, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the California Farm Bureau September 23, according to an announcement from George H. Wilson, spokesman for the Board of Directors of that organization.

In his new position, Elder Owens will be the chief administrative officer of the 60,000-member organization headquartered in Berkeley and reportedly one of the largest Farm Bureau organizations in the nation. In addition to his administrative duties in the Farm Bureau, he will automatically become an officer of the affiliated corporations of the state farm bureau, the largest farmer's organization in the State.

A graduate of the Utah State Agricultural College and president of the senior class in 1937, Owens is the son of Mayor and Mrs. William W. Owens of Logan. He was formerly a director of agriculture and legislative representative for the California Chamber of Commerce.

Married Margaret Watkins

He is married to the former Margaret Watkins of Logan. They have five children, and are active in Berkeley Second Ward and civic affairs. Elder Owens has been a member of the bishopric of two East Bay wards, the old Berkeley and the Claremont wards. He was formerly Sunday school superintendent of the Oakland and Berkeley stakes, and was MIA superintendent of the Berkeley Ward. He is presently director of the Berkeley Second ward choir.

Elder Owens has held key public relations and administrative positions, mostly of an agricultural nature, during 17 years in California.

Prof. S. George Ellsworth, a former active member of Berkeley and Oakland stakes while he lived in the East Bay and pursued studies at the University of California leading to the doctorate degree in history, has succeeded in having published a catalog of the Utah manuscripts at present in the famous Bancroft library at the U. C.

We quote from the July 15, 1954, issue of the daily Deseret News: "A catalog of the Utah manuscripts now in the University of California, Berkeley, is published in the July issue of the Utah State Historical Society Quarterly.

"These manuscripts were used by Hubert Howe Bancroft and his assistants in writing the first comprehensive history of Utah, published in 1889.

"Some of the manuscripts were obtained from the Historian's office of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and others were written or dictated specially for Mr. Bancroft.

"S. George Ellsworth of the Utah State Agricultural College History Department catalogued the manuscripts with the cooperation of the Bancroft Library."

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SAN JOAQUIN STAKE MIA GIRLS ENJOY CAMPING AT LIAHONA LODGE CAMPSITE

Ninety members of the MIA organization of the San Joaquin Stake enjoyed six days of outing at the Liahona Lodge Campsite July 16 to 21, 1954. The group included 73 girls, eleven of their counsellors, and six visitors. Stake President, Laurna H. Birchall reports that the girls enjoyed an enriched camping experience at the Liahona Lodge. The facilities were completely adequate for the 90 who attended. A well- rounded program was participated in from early morning to late at night. This program including swimming, hiking, handicraft, sports, camp program, and good eating.

The food was ably prepared under the direction of Sister Ray Stamps, formerly of Alameda, who became known as "Cookie" Stamps. Delightful foods were enjoyed including roasts in duth ovens, pigs in blankets, foil cooking, roasting ears and eggs, bacon and pancakes, cooked on top of the stove. Girls expressed the food part of the camp as being "yummy." But in spite of the real good eating, the spiritual feasting of Sunday seemed to be the highlight of the whole trip.

Sunday School was held in the grove at 10:00 a.m., and classes were conducted for each age group under the direction of Thomas D. Birchall, high counsellor from San Joaquin Stake. Sacramento was adminstered and the girls rendered beautiful music under the direction of Sister Alldredge.

Sunday afternoon was spent in Round Robin Storage Alley, nature walks, resting and visiting. At 5 p.m. Sacramento meeting was conducted by Brother Ross Tanner, Stake Superintendent. Inspirational talks and music were given by the girls and their leaders.

Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. to all in camp, including the visitors. Later that Sunday afternoon, the fireside testimonial was held in the Lodge. This particular meeting proved to be one of those never to be forgotten experiences. Many hearts were opened and girls not of our faith have asked for baptism.

Girls were in camp from 9 wards of the San Joaquin Stake. Modesto sent 18, Turlock 13, Stockton 2nd Ward 4, Tracy 7, Brentwood 8, Manteca 11, Stockton 1st Ward 9, Oakdale 6, Sonora 1; 7 Stake Board members were present in the camp, and 6 visitors. The group included 11 counsellors. President Laurna C. Birchall adds this in her report:

"We feel that we were greatly blessed by being able to enjoy Camp Liahona and we wish to thank the members of the Liahona Club. May they continue to encourage young people in good camping. This is the sincere hope of your neighboring stake, San Joaquin."

It is pleasant to be able to report that Sister Birchall included a check to the Liahona Club for $25.00 as a token of the appreciation of the girls for an opportunity of camping in the beautiful mountain campsite, the Liahona Lodge.

BURGON'S BUNGLED SENTENCES SUBMITTED AGAIN BY READERS

Thanks to "Bookcraft," the publisher of so many of our best church books. Through the liberal contributions of the manager, Bro. Marvin W. Wallin, to "The Messenger," we are awarding the prize "In Memorium" of John A. Widtsoe, to every participant in the August contest. Please notice in your library of church books that "BOOKCRAFT" is printed on the back edge of so many of these choice books. Books like these make the best of Christmas presents, the effect of which carries on into the eternities.

We have chosen a sentence sent in by Sister Claire Engel of East Richmond Ward for our September game. Congratulations, Sister Engel. You have received your book and all other participants will have received theirs right soon. If any participant fails to receive a copy, please notify us, and we will gladly send one to you again.

With regrets we apologize for the printer in the August sentences. He not only bungled up the bungled but omitted one important word altogether. So, with Sis. Engel's contribution we will reprint the two August sentences and will award prizes for solutions of any one of the three. If you have already received your copy, send in again, just for the fun of it and include your bungled sentence for October. It may be chosen for publication. So let's all try again. Here they are: Sister Engel's first:

HET STOGHUIRE HALLS EB IN VESIGNLATER BRANECMREEM.

Sister Sander's second:

AODTYS ASPIRLITU MANEAI AYM GIBNRA ASD KNAIGANEW WORTROOM

Sister Fisher's third:

HET VOLE FO DOG ROF ISH RIHENDCL RESSASPSU LAL TENDARUGNSIND.

By the way, if you already have won your copy, we'll send the second if you win. They will help with the Christmas presents. So, we'll be hearing from you. Address all communications to H. W. Burgon, 634 27th St., Richmond, California.

Localites Go South For Beneficial Life Insurance Confab

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickenlooper, Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Nackos, Mr. and Mrs. Lee T. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman R. Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Taylor recently returned from a convention held by the Beneficial Life Insurance Company at Coronado, California.

This convention was one of two regional conventions being held this year by the Beneficial Life Insurance Company.

It is further announced that Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swayze, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rollins, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ritchie will be attending the second regional convention of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company to be held in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, August 30th to September 2nd.

It is announced that over 160 people are included in attendance at each convention representing Utah, Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Nevada.

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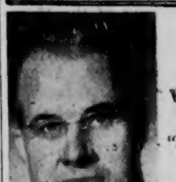
Dr. Sperry's Views On Book of Mormon Given in Hayward

Where is the Urim and Thummin today? No word has ever been published to date on this question, said the lecturer. But he added that he had read an original statement in the hand-writing of former Church President Wilford Woodruff regarding that sacred instrument. In this statement, President Woodruff states that the Prophet Joseph Smith invited members of the Twelve to his home after Christmas day, 1841, and there and then showed them the Urim and Thummin which were at that date in his possission.

Reflections



Vinal G. Mauss

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The sentiments of every American were expressed recently by one of our great Americans when he declared, "WE MUST MAKE IT THE AGE OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATIVE PEACE."

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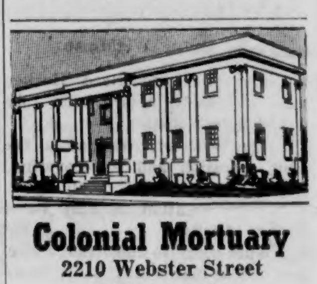
The factors entering into Universal Peace are similar to those entering into harmony among neighbors like ourselves. Though our ways of living diverge to every point of the compass, our understanding and willingness to compromise has given us the peace of friendship.

I hope through capable leadership we achieve a "PEACE AGE." It is worthy of our highest aspirations, our greatest endeavors.



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ROY BLASER TELLS WHAT THE PROFESSOR SAID ABOUT SOUTH AMERICAN INCA RUINS

Roy Blaser showed pictures in the Berkeley chapel, Sept. 17, and related a long and intriguing series of conversations he had a few years ago with a South American archeologist of high rank, Dr. Leo Pucher, while they were traveling together to see great Inca ruins in the high Andes Mountains of Bolivia.

Formed in an interest-holding narrative style and with many witticisms and much good humor, Mr. Blaser told how he drew from the professor provoking parallels, between the deductions of the archeologists and the inferences of the Book of Mormon.

Meeting the professor fortunately in La Plaz, capital of Bolivia, Blaser and his companion, Doctor Jones, dean of Education at Pennsylvania State College, were able to journey in the archeologist's party to the Inca ruins high in the Bolivian Andes from La Plaz. A large audience enjoyed the lecture and pictures

Some of the more pertinent parallels mentioned between these very early Inca civilizations and the peoples of the Book of Mormon were:

(1) They were worshippers of a higher order than sun-worshippers and had an evident connection with early Palestinian and Babylonian peoples.

(2) The forefathers of these Incas came to this land as early as 2000 B.C.

(3) The archaeologists have found at least three tablets of gold with Hebrew characters, and many blank gold sheets.

(4) Prof. Pucher replied, when Blaser told him the Book of Mormon writers spoke of their horses, that he, the professor, was the first researcher to discover fossils of ancient American horses.

(5) Dr. Pucher was delighted to learn that the LDS have a record concerning a people coming to America from the Tower of Bable in boats as early as 2300 B.C. He said he had long felt the need of a better theory of old-new world connections than the theory of the tremendously long and hazardous journey across Siberia and the Behring straits or land bridge, then down the full length of the North American and Central American coasts, across Panama, and over the high Andes to Bolivia.

(6) The professor told of finding proofs that the Incas used the roller and the wheel just as implied in the chariots of Nephite mention.

(7) When told that the records of the Book of Mormon mention elephants Dr. Pucher showed Bleazer fossil vertebral sections of animals of the mastodon species found in the lands of the Incas.

(8) Book of Mormon speaks of people being skilled in stone work. The Incas stone work still intact shows such close fitting joints that even today a knife blade cannot be inserted in the cracks between the huge 200-ton blocks.

(9) As to possession of metals as the divine record states, the professor said there is no possible explanation of the expert stone work still standing excepting the use of metallic tools. National Geographic Magazine, October, 1950, shows these Inca ruins.

(10) The Incas possessed a tradition that their empire was founded by four brothers and that the oldest was the dominant personality; evidently Laman, Lemuel, Nephi, and Sam.

(11) The Inca's tradition tells that their second civilization was a warring civilization. The Book of Mormon tells that after the centuries of peace that followed Christ's Nephite ministry, came the period of Nephite-Lamanite wars.

(12 Dr. Pucher said the Inca tradition tells that great earthquakes at one time entirely changed their civilization. The Nephite record tells of similar desructions during the sad 3-days of darkness on the Western Continents, while Christ was in his tomb in Jerusalem.

(13) Drilling off South America's shore for oil one company struck hard structures and discovered evidence of a buried city of same age as the land cities of the Incas, thus verifying accounts of cities sinking into the sea during the three days of destruction mentioned above.

Holbrook Appointed Director Agric. Dept Chamber Commerce

NEIL K. HOLBROOK

Neil K. Holbrook, of the Orinda Branch, and teacher of the Walnut Creek Ward seminary, was recently appointed Director of the Agricultural Department of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

Succeeding Richard W. Owens who was appointed last month executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Farm Bureau Federation, Elder Holbrook is resigning his position as a member of the faculty at the University of California. Before coming to California, he was Extension Editor at the Utah State Agricultural College and a former Salt Lake City newspaperman.

In his newly-won position, Holbrook's primary responsibilities as head of the Agricultural Departmnet, will be to advance the agricultural interests of California and to coordinate business and industry in protecting and developing California's agriculture. He will work with committees and organizations in developing proposed legislation designed for the advancement of agriculture.

Holbrook was complimentary of his LDS predecessor, Elder Owens who is well-known throughout the state by key legislators, agriculturalists, and top government officials. Holbrook pointed out that the State Senate unanimously adopted a resolution recently citing Owens for his outstanding work as an agricultural legislative representative.

With his wife and three children, Elder Holbrook resides at 89 Loma Vista Drive in Orinda. They are active in the Orinda Branch. Neil K. has served as associate editor for the Messenger.

The Prophets Sister Testifies She Lifted The B. of M. Plates

H. S. Salisbury
Grandson of Prophet's Sister

H. S. Salisbury, a living grandson of Catherine Smith Salisbury, sister to Joseph Smith, the Prophet, was interviewed by Isaac B. Ball., August 31, 1954, while he was visiting at the home of his son, Dr. W. W. Salisbury. At this time Mr. H. S. Salisbury, whose home is in San Rafael, California, retold the testimony he had heard Catherine Smith Salisbury give relative to the Prophet's actually possessing the golden plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated. Perhaps this man is the last one on earth who ever heard such a testimony from the lips of a witness to the truth of Joseph's claim.

Moreover, as far as we can find out, Catherine S. Salisbury is the only female witness to the Book of Mormon plates besides the Prophet's mother, Lucy Mack Smith. She thus is one of the choice, small circle given to bear first hand witness to the truthfulness of the Prophet's assertions regarding possession of the gold plates.

We repeat the interview for whatever it may be worth

The interview of Mr. H. S. Salisbury was recorded on a dictograph as follows:

QUESTION:

"Mr. Salisbury, at one time I had a conversation with you in which you were kind enough to mention a testimony which your grandmother, Catherine Salisbury gave to you in regard to the fact that the Prophet did possess the plates on which the Book of Mormon was translated. I wonder if you would be kind enough to tell us now on what occasion it was that she told you this story? Where were you living at that time and why did she relate this to you?"

MR. SALISBURY:

"Mr. Ball, I was then in my 45th year, as I remember it, and County Surveyor of Hancock County, Illinois, and I was visiting my grandmother at her home in Hancock County, near Fountain Green, when I asked her for some recollections of her brother, the Prophet Joseph Smith. Catherine Smith Salisbury then told me that while dusting up the room where th Prophet had his study she saw a package on the table containing the gold plates on which was engraved the story of the Book of Mormon. She said she hefted those plates and found them very heavy like gold and also rippled her fingers up the edge of the plates and felt that they were separate metal plates and heard the tinkle of sound that they made."

QUESTION:

"Thank you very much. We have heard then a very rare testimony given by the only man, I suppose, upon the earth today who could give a testimony direct from one of the sisters of the Prophet Joseph Smith to the affect that he did have the plates. Now Mr. Salisbury, you also mentioned that Katherine, your grandmother was at the home of the Smith family in Manchester when the Prophet came with the plates he had received from the Angel Moroni on Hill Cumorah. It is recorded in Church history, you recall, that he was attacked on his way home from the Hill Cumorah with these plates; attacked by some ruffians, and had to defend himself with a good deal of vigor. Now I should like to ask you if Katherine told you anything about that, and how her brother did appear when he came into the home with those plates."

MR. SALISBURY:

"When Katherine Smith Salisbury, the Prophet's sister, told me that she was there when he came in running and burst through the door carriyng the plates; and that his hand was injured from striking one of the villains. He told her that he had jumped over

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Inter-Stake Recreation Area Idea Approved by Four Stakes

A plan to eventually acquire a suitable recreation and camping grounds for the conjoint enjoyment of the members of several bay area stakes was approved by several of the stakes concerned in September and will be considered by other stakes at meetings in October, it is announced.

No site has been selected at present but consideration will be given soon by inter-stake committees to several areas provided the price and facilities are very favorable for the purposes of camping and outdoor recreation for families and organizational groups of the stakes.

The newly projected camping program of the General Board of the Mutual Improvement Association is thought now responsible for a renewal at this time of interest in a large inter-stake project of this character.

The Berkeley Stake priesthood approved of the general plan, at a meeting held September 18, 1954.

Oakland, San Francisco Stakes Mia Maids and Bee Hive Girls Camp at Cazadero Redwoods

By Rhea Gustaveson

Oakland and San Francisco Mia Maids and Bee Hive Girls with their leaders—all tired, but happy—arrived home from their week's encampment at Cazadero Redwood Camp Monday, Sept. 6th. All agreed that it was one of the happiest experiences of their lives, and are eagerly making plans for another year.

Bidding a fond farewell to the girls (who were laden with Hawaiian leis) as the buses and cars rolled away, were the camp staff, which included the Boyack family. (Mr. Boyack is camp manager, and played an important part in the success of the camp. He was ever ready to help in any way, advising, stimulating, encouraging, and last but not least, talking to the girls informally at their Sunday Evening Service and Fireside. No one could have reached the hearts of the girls, answering their many questions and giving inspired advice and council, as did he. He and his family have become endeared to all who were there.)

The group were especially privileged to have President and Mrs. Serge Lauper of San Francisco Stake, with two of their family, as visitors Sunday morning. Pres. Lauper talked to the girls at the Testimony Meeting. Oakland Stake was represented by High Councilman Rulon Doxey and his charming wife. Brother Doxey also participated in the Sunday morning service. High Councilman Eldon Reid and his talented wife Elayne, who was a welcome asset to our camp staff of last year, arrived with their five children early Sunday morning in time for the Inspitational period. (Who said it couldn't be done?)

A special guest and visitor, Patriarch I. B. Ball of Berkeley, inspired the girls with his impressive remarks and response at the banquet, which was held following Sunday services honoring all guests. Brother Ball was accompanied by a Messenger photographer. Musical numbers, toasts, and interesting decorations enhanced the affair.

Let's Remember

"Let's Remember" was the general theme of the week. Besides the regular activities of swimming, canoeing, hiking, campcrafts, singing, etc., each day brought about interesting and special events. On Monday, after the girls had been divided into Bee Hive and Mia Maid camps and participated in a full day of activities, the girls were welcomed at the camp fire ceremony with interesting stunts and skits by the camp staff. This was followed by a friendship campfire ceremony, at which time lanterns were presented by the Mia Maids to Bee Hive girls honoring their fourtieth anniversary.

On Tuesday, Dale Roe of the Alameda County Red Cross demonstrated water safety and canoeing. Among the outstanding numbers at the evening's Talent Show were the songs and dances by Elsie Fonoimoana of Alameda and Lana Le'o of San Francisco. These girls, both of Somoan ancestry, were school mates in Hawaii and were reunited at camp.

Horseback riding, a cook-out, a pioneer campfire program which included folk dancing directed by Grace Boyack and the presentation of our traditional Indian legend "Redwing," written especially for this camp by Patricia Hilton Shumway, were events for Frontier's Day. President Verna Jackson of Oakland Stake Y.W. and Virginia Jones, Sports Director, were visitors.

Let's Pretend

"Let's Pretend" Day, under the direction of the Jr. Counselors, was enhanced with the cleverly organized treasure hunt. In the evening, following the skits and stunts, a "sneak" hike (moonlight) was ar-

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We Visit a Seminary Class at Early Hour And Find It's Fun

A car-full of five Berkeley high school girls and boys, laughingly hustled out of their auto in front of the LDS Institute of Religion in Berkeley, Monday, September 13, at five minutes before seven and tripped up the stairs and into the mansion to greet Seminary teacher and institute head, Lee Kenner for the opening session of this Berkeley area LDS seminary for 1954-1955.

We fellowed the noisy five into the building, and were welcomed by Instructor Kenner, as the first ones to arrives that morning. Twenty-one Berkeley high students had registered by the time the class got under way at 7:15 a.m.

The strange thing to us was that no one commented on the earliness of the hour, but that everyone was so gay and wide-awake at such a time of day.

It seemed more like assembling for an early morning start on some vacation-time trip than the beginning of a semester of Old Testament study. It evidently was an occasion for polity and good fellowship along with the more staid matter of acquiring a bit of Biblical knowledge. And the teacher was just as jolly and full of quips and repartee as anyone else.

Yet when Elder Kenner passed out the Bibles and sketched briefly the dramatic episodes in the lives of the great people which will comprise the course of study, a quietness fell over the class as silent as the dawn of the morning over the bay seen in the distance. Every eye followed the enthusiastic teacher intently. But the bubbling aliveness started anew as time came for leaving and everyone hurried off for high school.

Registering for the five-day a week course were:

Claremont Ward: Mildred Anderson, Rhea Barton, Judy Leighton, Jeannie Reiche, John Reiche, Carol Stoddard and George Warford.

Berkeley First: Nina Paulson, Sunya Evans, Charles and Walt Carter, Osmond Call, Suzanne Fife, Ynette and Caroline Eyring, Julie Harmon, Madeline Severline, Beggie Anne Duker, Don Jarman, Dick Johnson, Joanne Basinger, and Margie Sabine.

Berkeley Second. Shirley and Linda Baer, Kathleen Ricks.

Seek Information Re Paul Zeuner

George E. Southgate of Salt Lake City desires information regarding his old friend, the late Paul Zeuner, of Oakland who died in 1952, just after completing a temple record of thousands of names. Brother Southgate helped on this record and would now like to make sure that record and accompanying research notes, guides and family history has been deposited with the archives of the Church Geneological Society in Salt Lake City.

Please send any information concerning Brother Zeuner to Elder Southgate, 2008 Lincoln Lane, Holladay, Salt Lake City 7, Utah. . . .

Great Grandson of Prophet's Sister Well-Known Scientist

Dr. W. W. Salisbury of Lafayette is a distinguished electronics engineer who was prominent with Dr. Lawrence in designing the first "atom smasher" on the hill above the University of California.

He is a direct descendent of Joseph Smith, Jr., being a great-grandson of Catherine Smith Salisbury, sister to the Prophet.

Over 7 Tons Food Stored in Homes In One Ward in 1 Year

One dynamic assault on the problem of storing a year's food supply in the homes of church members is reported by San Mateo Ward on page five of this issue of the Messenger. Bracing reading!

The San Mateo Ward welfare committee has placed approximately seven tons of storable food in ward homes in one and one-half years time, it is reported. And the food in ward homes is in vermin-proof containers.

Five-gallon cans of wheat, five-pound cans of honey, and other items such as beans, peas, dehydrated fruit, dried prunes, and dried milk sealed in pliofilm bags—that spells out the simple, safe and convenient packaging.

Delivered to the homes, and billed for payment concludes the business-like procedure of the committee.

Other wards and stakes report definite progress. Berkeley Stake Food Committee is set to supply ward members kits of food sufficient for one year's supply for two adults. Several kits are thus sufficitnt for larger family units.

Series of Popular Discussions Of Mormon Position Announced; T. S. Ferguson Speaks for LDS

"Is the Book of Mormon an authentic history of ancient Mexico and Central Mexico brought forth by the power of God" will be the beginning subject of a series of seven public discussions October 14-18, in Oakland between a college professor and Attorney Thomas Stuart Ferguson, co-author of "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon."

After the pattern of not too satisfactory early-day debates by leading elders of the Church before large audiences, another local trial will be made to arouse widespread interest in the Church by the use of the public platform in dignified debate. Other subjects for the pro and con series of talks which are to be held at 2808 35th Avenue in Oakland, will be: "The doctrine of baptism for the dead, as practiced by the Mormons, was also practiced by the early Christians, and its use in harmony with the Bible," and "The Kingdom of God was not upon the earth in its fulness from the fourth century A.D. until 1830 A.D."

The first four evenings of the series will be devoted to the Book of Mormon proposition stated above.

Scott Barrett of the Claremont Ward is announced as moderator for the meetings and also assistant to Elder Ferguson. No audience demonstrations will be permitted but purchase of the Book of Mormon by the audience will be invited.

"I am going to do my level best to convert Joe Gilmore, pastor of the Church of Christ, and co-sponsor of the debates, and his congregation," said Elder Fergnson when the announcement of the meetings was given out. No name was presented as to the speaker on the negative side, but it was understood he is to be a professor from one of the schools of the Church of Christ. This sect goes back, it was explained, to Alexander Campbell with whom Sidney Rigdon was associated before Parley P. Pratt presented him with a copy of the Book of Mormon.

The meetings are announced for 8 p.m. each evening except the last one which will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday afternoon, October 24. All interested in attending the series are advised to be present as early as 7:15 p.m., on account of the strict limitation of seats in the hall. By 7:30 all seats are expected to be filled and many turned away.

Berkeltw Second Ward Bazaar, Harvest Festival Features First Annual Cake Baking Competition

Among the new features of the Berkeley Second Ward Bazaar and Harvest Festival to be held the evening of October 9, 1954, in the Berkeley Chapel will be a cake baking contest open to all women (and men) of the stake. It is hoped that this competition will become an annual event of interest to all. Those desiring to enter a cake need only bring their delicasies to the festival prior to 7:30 p.m. Awards will be given and the prize-winning cakes will be sold later in the evening.

The usual variety of games, food, and other items will be on sale, together with balloons, movies, and ice cream.. All church members are urged to come and bring their neighbors for an evening of fun and bargains.

Fourteen LDS Seminaries Greet High School Youths From Palo Alto to Concord

Mrs. Gustav Schier In New Fall Series Genealogical Talks

Mrs. Gustav Schier, the popular lecturer of San Francisco Stake, will open a new series of four talks on genealogy research for Berkeley Stake in October, in the Berkeley Chapel.

The talks will be given on Wednesday evenings of October 20 and 27, and of November 3 and 10, in the Berkeley Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Stake Conferences Last Quarter 1954

San Francisco, Oct. 9-10; Santa Rosa, Nov. 6-7; Berkeley, Nov. 13-14; Oakland, Nov. 20-21; Palo Alto Nov. 27-28;

Missionaries Sell 243 Books of Mormon

The 68 missionaries laboring in the Northern California Mission under the direction of president Thomas W. Gardner and his counselors report 289 baptisms for 1954 through August.

The missionaries in August sold 243 Books of Mormon, loaned 123 copies, distributed 4806 tracts first hand, and 564 other books. Average expense per missionary for the month stands at $58.06, ranging from an average of $50.80 in the Shasta District to $63.51 in the Monterey district.

The three high marks in distributing Books of Mormon in August were 12, 12, and 11, by three individual elders in the Monterey Bay district. Four other missionaries distributed ten copies each in various districts to win a place among the top seven in this regard.

Commenting upon the question whether the missionaries are always giving their best efforts, or are holding back because of a fear that the people won't accept them, the editor of the Mission bulletin quotes Doctrines and Covenants 60:2-3:

"But with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but they hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of the fear of man. Woe unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them. And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, it shall be taken away, even that which they have."

Vinal Mauss Joins Realty Sales Force Of Joseph C. Eyring

Vinal G. Mauss, recently released president of the Japanese Mission, has joined the realty sales force of the Eyring Realty Company, located at 1650 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, according to an announcement in September by Joe Eyring, president of the company.

Brother Mauss, also has charge of sales for the Eyring company of lots in the Garden Estate subdivisions in Alamo, near Danville. Available are 23 half-acre lots with new ranch-type homes

Seminaries for Bay Area high school boys and girls of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints really had its most auspicious opening Monday, September 13, in fourteen centers in Palo Alto, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes. Director Lee Kenner forecast seminaries also for San Francisco and Santa Rosa stakes one year hence.

Happy, jolly, alert groups of secondary school boys and girls bubbled over with good fellowship at the early hour of seven as they assembled for study of the foundation books underpinning faith in God and the well-being of Society.

Classes gathered in ward chapels for the most part but in a few cases in private homes. Teachers were men of various background and callings. Some are teachers in secondary and elementary schools, and some are successful businessmen. Six seminaries opened in Oakland Stake, four in Palo Alto Stake and four in Berkeley Stake.

In Oakland Stake the seminary group met in the Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Oakland Third and Alameda chapels and in the Oakland Fourth in a rented meeting place.

In Palo Alto separate groups met at ward chapels in Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo and Burlingame. In Berkeley Stake the Berkeley-Claremont boys and girls who attend the Berkeley high school met at the LDS Institute near the U.C. campus; the Albany-El Cerrito high school group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins, in El Cerrito; in Concord the seminary met in the new chapel while the Walnut Creek area group met in a home.

INSTRUCTORS NAMED

Instructors for the fourteen seminaries were listed by the area supervision, Lee Kenner, as follows:

In Palo Alto Stake, Jesse N. Benson, former teacher and present businessman in Redwood City; Carl W. Pall, Jr., in Palo Alto; Willard Richards Card, a businessman in San Mateo.

In Oakland Stake: Max Blair, elementary school teacher at Hayward; Alton Davis, a high school teacher, at San Lorenzo; Leslie Wheeler, a former high school teacher from Provo, now an elementary school teacher in San Leandro; Dayle Fullmur, elementary school teacher, at Oakland Fourth; Charles Renshaw, teacher and student, S. F. State College, at Oakland First-Fifth; and Dan Harrison, an elementary school teacher, at Alameda.

In Berkeley Stake: Duane Crooks, elementary school teacher, at Concord; Neil Holbrook, public relations man for State Chamber of Commerce at Walnut Creek; Dr. Reed Story, high school teacher at El Cerrito, and Lee Kenner, director of Berkeley LDS Institute, at Berkeley.

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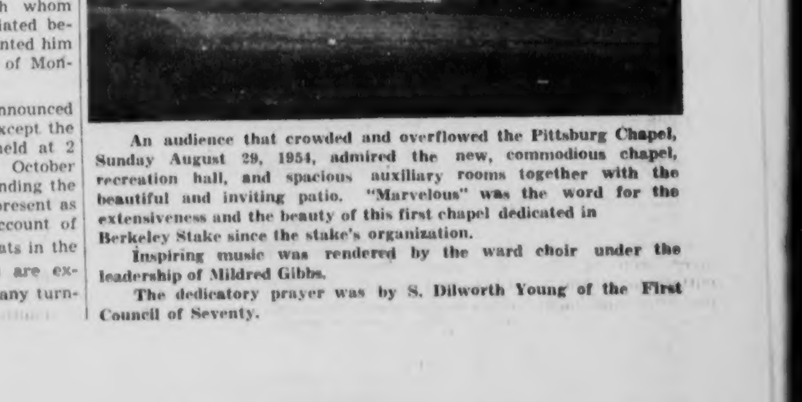

An audience that crowded and overflowed the Pittsburg Chapel, Sunday August 29, 1954, admired the new, commodious chapel, recreation hall, and spacious auxiliary rooms together with the beautiful and inviting patio. "Marvelous" was the word for the extensiveness and the beauty of this first chapel dedicated in Berkeley Stake since the stake's organization.

Inspiring music was rendered by the ward choir under the leadership of Mildred Gibbs.

The dedicatory prayer was by S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of Seventy.